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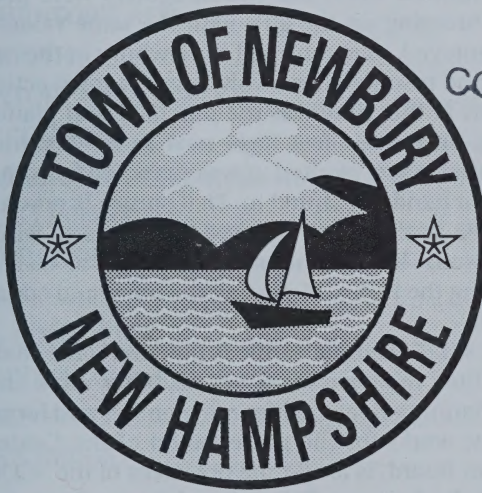
## of the Town of Newbury, New Hampshire



**Annual Report**  
*of the Selectmen, Treasurer,  
and other Town Officers*  
for the  
**Town of Newbury**  
New Hampshire

N.H. STATE LIBRARY

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CONCORD, N.H.



*for the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 1999*  
with the  
**Vital Statistics for the Year 1999**

FRONT COVER: *From a painting by Arch McDonell*

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## IN RECOGNITION: ALICE LYNN

It is a pleasure to dedicate this year's Town Report to Alice Lynn, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the town for much of her life.

Born in a farmhouse on Baker Hill, Alice was the daughter of Joseph and Bridget (Duddy) Croteau. She and her eight siblings grew up instilled with the values of self-sufficiency, hard work, and helping others. Alice attended school at the Number 2 schoolhouse on Rollins Road, and later she was among the 20 to 30 children enrolled at the "new" schoolhouse which now houses the Town Offices.

As a young woman, Alice moved to Massachusetts, where she married Arthur Lynn. Widowed when her two daughters were pre-teens, Alice devoted herself to bringing up the girls with the same values and enthusiasm for life that she enjoyed. She returned to Newbury in the early 1960s, worked as a beautician, and resumed her involvement in town activities. One of her first contributions at that time was the purchase and planting of a beautiful blue spruce tree, only a few feet high, next to the historic Center Meeting House. Shortly after it was planted, it was uprooted by some careless youths, and Alice, spade in hand, replanted it. That spruce is now a magnificent tree, designated in 1993 as the town tree, and shining forth with a blaze of lights each holiday season. If the lights need replacing or restringing, Alice goes into action - calling the tree man, testing the lines, and connecting the extension cords herself.

This is just a small example of Alice's positive, "take charge" attitude. Her energy has benefited the town in numerous other ways: she was a founding member of the Planning Board, a lifetime member and former director of the Historical Society, works for the preservation of the Center Meeting House and serves on that Board, is long-time president of the SCONES group, and a member of the Lake Sunapee Cultural and Scenic Byways Committee. She also serves as ballot clerk and spent many volunteer hours helping organize and activate Newbury's Bi-Centennial celebration.

Alice takes particular pride and pleasure in the renovated Newbury Public Library. She is a long-time member of the Friends of the Library and has served as assistant librarian for more than 10 years. Alice loves helping people. She does this willingly and cheerfully, often accompanied by a warm hug. Her knowledge of the history of the town, its people, events and records is extensive and she is the first resource for those who want to delve into tracing families or researching events in Newbury's past. Now a great-grandmother, her present life is active and full, and her past is built on happy memories. Of that life, she says, "If I could live it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing."

Thanks, Alice, for the memories and for your continuing contributions!

*(Photo by Shelly Candidus)*



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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **Selectmen\***

James M. Powell, Chairman, term expires 2002

David Kinsman, term expires 2000

William Syvertsen, term expires 2001

### **Town Administrator**

Dennis J. Pavlicek\*\*

### **Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2000

### **Deputy Moderator\*\*\*\*\***

Vincent Iacopino

### **Representatives to the General Court - District I**

Avis Nichols

Alf Jacobson

Jay Rosenfield

### **Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett Champy, term expires 2000

### **Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Martha von Redlich

### **Treasurer\***

Debra W. Sias, term expires 2002

### **Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Diane Rankin

### **Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2002

James Therrien, term expires 2000

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2001

### **Library Trustees\***

Beverly Wolf, term expires 2002

Margaret B. Ames, term expires 2000

Shelly Candidus, term expires 2001

### **Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School Board**

Dean Bensley, term expires 2000

### **Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School District**

#### **Municipal Budget Committee**

David Friedline, term expires 2000 (resigned)

Daniel Wolf, term expires 2000



**Supervisors of the Checklist\***

Lane Bellman, term expires 2005  
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2001  
Al Bachelder, term expires 2003

**Cemetery Trustees\***

William Annable, term expires 2002  
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2000  
Wilbert Willis, term expires 2001

**Planning Board\***

Ron Williams, Chair, term expires 2000  
Linda P. Champy, term expires 2000  
Barbara Freeman, term expires 2002  
Richard Martin, term expires 2001  
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2002  
Richard Wright, term expires 2001  
Gary Budd, Alternate, term expires 2000  
William Syvertsen, Ex-Officio Selectman  
Tara McIntire, Secretary

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***

Robert Howes, Chair, term expires 2001  
Del Harris, Vice Chair, term expires 2000  
Scott Knabb, term expires 2002  
Betsy Soper, term expires 2002  
Robert Burton, term expires 2001 (resigned)  
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2000  
Katheryn Holmes, Alternate, term expires 2000  
Suzanne Levine, Alternate, term expires 2000  
Sue Young, Secretary

**Chief of Police\*\***

James S. Valiquet

**Chief of Fire Department\*\*\*\***

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***

Ed Thorson

**Building Inspector\*\***

Del Harris

**Highway Administrator\*\***

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

**Family Services Director\*\***

Debra Johnson

**Inspectors of Election\*\***

Doris Newell, term expires 2000

Clare Bensley, term expires 2000

**Election Officials\*\*\*\*\***

Doris Diekmann

Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn

Ann Therrien

**Conservation Commission\*\***

Peter Newbern, Chair, term expires 2002

William Annable, term expires 2002

William Weiler, term expires 2000

Eric Unger, term expires 2001

Clare Bensley, term expires 2001

Dean Bensley, Alternate, term expires 2002

**Forest Fire Warden\*\*\***

David G. Smith

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens\*\*\***

John G. Croteau

Kevin Walker

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Ed Thorson

Michael Bascom

\* Elected at Town Meeting

\*\* Appointed by Selectmen

\*\*\* State Appointment

\*\*\*\* Elected by Fire Department

\*\*\*\*\* Appointed by Moderator

*Looking Westward:  
Center Meeting House,  
Town Office Building, Library*





## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Traditionally, the Board of Selectmen's report speaks about events and happenings in the previous year. There are many positive things for 1999, and the reports of the various town departments, boards and committees will inform you of what we accomplished as a town. The Selectmen have been diligent in maintaining the proper balance between the level of services provided to the residents, and the costs of those services.

The results of our financial management are best seen by examining the make-up of the overall tax rate. Last year the town, or municipal, portion of the tax rate was only 21% compared to 68% for KRSD and 11% for the county. This year, the municipal portion will both go down as a percentage and be flat in actual dollars, while the school portion will increase significantly, both as a percentage and in actual expenditures. And that is what we want to report on.

How to fund education in New Hampshire has evolved into the single most complicated and time-consuming issue for Newbury and the state. In fact, very few towns will be unaffected. School funding is the one issue that can potentially have the biggest impact on Newbury's taxes over the next several years.

In 1999, a state-wide property tax was passed by the legislature and implemented by the Department of Revenue Administration. This action was taken as a result of the Supreme Court decisions in what are commonly called the Claremont I and Claremont II decisions. The new state property tax formula uses equalized valuation to determine each town's contribution.

Basically, everyone pays a state property tax at a rate of \$6.60 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Then, the state sends back to the towns and school districts an amount calculated at \$4220 per student. The \$4220 is the cost of an "adequate" education. The number of students is not the number of actual students, but a number that is adjusted for grade level, number of special needs students, and the number of students participating in the federal lunch program.

Based on a town's total equalized valuation, some towns will receive additional money in the form of state education grants; these are called "receiver" towns. Other towns will pay an excess education tax; these towns are called "donor" towns. Newbury is a "donor" town and we will pay a \$354,000 excess education tax this year.



As you can imagine, this is all quite controversial. The Selectmen have attended meetings with two different groups of "property rich" towns that view the financial impact on their towns as excessive and unfair. One group of towns has filed a lawsuit claiming the state property tax as implemented is unconstitutional. So far, we have not joined any lawsuits.

A separate, but related, school funding issue is before the Hillsborough Superior Court. A suit was brought by a small group of residents of the Con-Val School District arguing that using the number of students to allocate school costs among towns of a cooperative school district is unconstitutional. They further argue that school costs should be allocated entirely on equalized valuation of the towns. The outcome of this court action will have an effect on all cooperative school districts, and a potentially tremendous impact on Newbury.

The KRSD operates under articles of agreement (a contract) that calls for a 60:40 funding formula - 60% based on a town's ADM (average daily membership or number of students) and 40% on equalized valuation.

If the Superior Court finds ADM unconstitutional, Newbury's share of KRSD costs, based 100% on equalized valuation, would increase greatly. Such a court decision might also invalidate the district's contract and require re-negotiation.

We believe that the Selectmen should be pro-active but cautious as events unfold. There are no immediate solutions to these problems in the near future. Legislation creating the property tax expires in 2001, so the legislature must still find a permanent solution. We are asking you to approve a warrant article for \$10,000 for legal fees should it be necessary. By putting this money in a 'special' warrant article it is earmarked only for this use, and can only be spent on legal expenses for this issue.

The Board of Selectmen is a strong advocate for education, but any solution of education funding should be fair and equitable for all towns. We will continue to stay apprised of the issues and only take action to protect the interests of Newbury and its residents.

*James M. Powell*  
*David Kinsman*  
*William Syvertsen*

## TOWN CLERK

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued.....	\$267,921.36
Dog Licenses Issued .....	1,231.50
Boat Registrations .....	7,754.22
UCC Filings .....	871.57
Vital Record Filings .....	883.00
Miscellaneous Filings .....	771.25
<b>Total Debits .....</b>	<b>\$279,432.90</b>

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*Engine #8 traveling thru the Newbury Cut in 1908 (Photo Dale Russell)*



# **TREASURER**

## **General Fund 1999**

### **Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector .....	\$4,950,156.97
Received from Town Clerk .....	\$279,432.90
Received from State of NH .....	\$209,136.85
Police Private Duty .....	\$7,272.50
Police Reports .....	\$430.00
Police Fines .....	\$1,245.00
Cemetery Lots .....	\$600.00
Building Permits .....	\$8,816.16
Pistol Permits .....	\$310.00
Reimbursements .....	\$42,433.59
Planning Board .....	\$4,185.19
Zoning Board .....	\$1,580.28
Recycling .....	\$2,213.11
Interest on Checking Account .....	\$15,591.29
Sale of Town Property .....	\$2,621.00
Parks and Recreation .....	\$1,500.00
Sale of Tax Maps, Taxpayer Lists .....	\$282.75
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Hay Estate) .....	\$17,183.00
Cable Fee .....	\$4,925.82
Miscellaneous .....	\$2,911.74
Capital Projects .....	\$10,522.50
Tax Anticipation Note .....	\$175,000.00
Transfer Station .....	\$3,821.00

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Total .....	\$5,742,171.65
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Transfers from Investment Accounts .....	\$1,818,941.56
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Beginning Balance January 1, 1999 .....	\$52,080.95
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Total Receipts & Beginning Balance .....	\$7,613,194.16
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Selectmen's Orders Paid .....	(\$7,441,902.69)
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Balance on December 31, 1999 .....	\$171,291.47
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*Debra W. Sias, Treasurer*



## INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Lake Sunapee Bank

Balance January 1, 1999 .....	\$31,315.97
Plus: Interest earned .....	\$1,116.62

Balance December 31, 1999 .....	\$32,432.59
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# NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 1999 .....	\$439,191.22
Plus: Transfers .....	\$40,869.74
Plus: Interest .....	\$6,326.01
Less: Transfers .....	(\$375,000.00)

Balance December 31, 1999 .....	\$111,386.97
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NHPDIP-Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1999.....	\$311,902.14
Plus: Transfers .....	\$9,547.50
Plus: Interest .....	\$4,640.35
Less: Transfers .....	(\$326,089.99)

Balance December 31, 1999 .....	\$0.00
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## Certificates of Deposit

Opened 12/30/99.....	\$300,000.00
<i>Matures 1/25/2000</i>	
Opened 12/30/99.....	\$300,000.00
<i>Matures 2/25/2000</i>	
Opened 12/30/99.....	\$300,000.00
<i>Matures 3/15/2000</i>	
Opened 12/30/99.....	\$300,000.00
<i>Matures 3/25/2000</i>	

## Blodgett Sewer Reserve Account

Balance January 1, 1999 .....	\$10,932.49
Plus: Interest .....	\$324.90
Less: Transfers .....	(\$11,257.39)

Balance December 31, 1999 .....	\$0.00
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**Blodgett Sewer Checking Account**

Balance January 1, 1999.....	\$1,054.26
Plus: Interest .....	\$4.40
Less: Transfers .....	(\$1,058.66)

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Balance December 31, 1999 .....\$0.00

**Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account**

Balance January 1, 1999.....	\$51,748.71
Plus: Interest .....	\$2,370.31
Plus: Transfers .....	\$12,316.05
Less: Transfers .....	(\$25,000.00)

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Balance December 31, 1999 .....\$41,435.07

**Conservation Commission**

Balance January 1, 1999.....	\$23,021.91
Plus: Interest .....	\$519.37
Plus: Transfers .....	\$61,796.00

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Balance December 31, 1999 .....\$85,337.28

*Steamships at Lake Station*



# TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

## DECEMBER 31, 1999

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose	PRINCIPAL						INCOME				GRAND TOTAL Of Principal and Income, End Year
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Security Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	BALANCE End Year		
CEMETERY FUNDS													
VARIOUS	Cemetery Funds	Perpetual Care	13,298.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,298.76	21,456.70	1,590.69	2,599.58	20,447.81	33,746.57	
	TOTAL		13,298.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,298.76	21,456.70	1,590.69	2,599.58	20,447.81	33,746.57	
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS													
1972	Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	553.74	0.00	0.00	35.35	518.39	0.00	14.65	14.65	0.00	518.39	
	TOTAL		553.74	0.00	0.00	35.35	518.39	\$0.00	14.65	14.65	0.00	518.39	
LIBRARY FUNDS													
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library Fund	2,992.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,992.56	71.83	68.76	71.83	68.76	3,061.32	
	Shirley Powers	Library Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	24.00	22.98	24.00	22.98	1,022.98	
1966	TOTAL		3,992.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,992.56	\$95.83	91.74	95.83	91.74	4,084.30	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	134,188.53	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	184,188.53	4,729.79	6,807.84	0.00	11,537.63	195,726.16	
	Town of Newbury	Fire Equipment	155,595.18	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	165,595.18	61,917.88	11,994.97	0.00	73,912.85	239,508.03	
1971	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	6,799.06	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,799.06	0.00	345.55	0.00	345.55	17,144.61	
	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	12,248.87	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,248.87	755.94	634.59	0.00	1,390.53	16,639.40	
1993	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	15,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	744.97	770.39	0.00	1,515.36	21,515.36	
	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	20,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	580.79	1,012.79	0.00	1,593.58	31,593.58	
1997	TOTALS		343,831.64	88,000.00	0.00	0.00	431,831.64	66,729.37	21,566.13	0.00	90,295.50	522,127.14	
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS													
1977	Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	15,958.47	1,000.00	0.00	3,173.15	13,785.32	0.00	767.85	767.85	0.00	13,785.32	
	Town of Newbury	Town Buildings	8,371.20	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,371.20	0.00	413.40	0.00	413.40	13,784.60	
1984	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	1,299.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,299.66	353.02	80.04	0.00	433.06	1,732.72	
	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	1,222.20	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,222.20	0.00	63.87	0.00	63.87	4,286.07	
1995	TOTALS		26,851.53	9,000.00	0.00	3,173.15	32,678.38	353.02	1,325.16	767.85	910.33	33,888.71	
	GRAND TOTALS		388,528.23	97,000.00	0.00	3,208.50	482,319.73	90,634.92	24,588.37	3,477.91	111,745.38	594,065.11	



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board,  
Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Technical Bulletin 98-1, Disclosures about Year 2000 issues, requires disclosure of certain matters regarding the year 2000 issue in order for financial statements to be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Such required disclosures include: any significant amount of resources committed to make computer systems and other electronic equipment year 2000-compliant; a general description of the year 2000 issue, including a description of the stages of work in process or completed as of the end of the reporting period to make computer systems and other electronic equipment critical to conducting operations year 2000-compliant; and the additional stages of work necessary for making the computer systems and other electronic equipment year 2000-compliant.

The Town of Newbury has omitted such disclosures. We do not provide assurance that the Town is or will be year 2000 ready, that the Town's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Town does business will be year 2000 ready.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the three preceding paragraphs, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, PC., CPAs  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
April 16, 1999

*Blodgett Boat Landing*



COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE - DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUPS GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT	MEMO ONLY
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$702,393	\$99,267				\$956,180
INVESTMENTS	439,191	45,090	311,902	\$154,520		1,476,051
TAXES RECEIVABLE	361,251			679,868		361,251
ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	(13,844)					(13,844)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	13,844	8,552				22,396
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	640					640
OTHER ASSETS	73					73
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long Term Debt and Other Obligations					514,261	514,261
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,503,548</b>	<b>\$152,909</b>	<b>311,902</b>	<b>\$834,368</b>	<b>\$514,261</b>	<b>\$3,317,008</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		<b>TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>MEMO ONLY</b>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$22,200					22,200
DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,313,266					1,313,266
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	0	640				640
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES				355,225		355,225
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS					114,743	114,743
COMPENSATED ABSENCES					29,518	29,518
LONG TERM DEBT					370,000	0
LANDFILL CLOSURE COSTS						370,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,335,466</b>	<b>640</b>		<b>\$355,225</b>	<b>\$514,261</b>	<b>\$2,205,592</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>						
<b>FUND BALANCE - RESERVED</b>						<b>295,438</b>
ENCUMBRANCES						<b>17,845</b>
ENDOWMENTS					17,845	
<b>FUND BALANCE - UNRESERVED</b>						<b>45,090</b>
DESIGNATED		45,090				
UNDESIGNATED	168,082	107,179	16,464	461,318		753,043
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$168,082</b>	<b>\$152,269</b>	<b>311,902</b>	<b>\$479,163</b>		<b>\$1,111,416</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,503,548</b>	<b>\$152,909</b>	<b>311,902</b>	<b>\$834,368</b>	<b>\$514,261</b>	<b>\$3,317,008</b>



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/99**

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		Levies of		
	1999	1998	1997	Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>				
<b>Beginning of Year:</b>				
Property Taxes		\$255,259.58	\$2,196.40	\$331.00
Interest		\$59.24		
Sewer Taxes		\$7,344.15	\$378.78	
Excavation Activity		\$2,575.00		

## **Taxes Committed to Collector**

### **This Year:**

Property Taxes	\$4,617,831.97
Misc.	\$1,972.00
Land Use Charges	\$135,401.00
Yield Taxes	\$15,262.99
Excavation Tax	\$10,639.79
Sewer Taxes	\$53,392.00
Other Charges INF	\$50.00

### **Overpayment:**

Property Taxes	\$89.00	\$285.76		
Interest Collected				
on Delinquent Tax	\$2,991.47	\$17,431.11		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$4,837,630.22</b>	<b>\$282,954.84</b>	<b>\$2,575.18</b>	<b>\$331.00</b>

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## **Remitted to Treasurer**

<b>Fiscal Year:</b>	1999	1998	1997	Prior
Property Taxes	\$4,317,816.13	\$255,314.34	\$2,196.40	
Misc. Tax	\$1,972.00			
Land Use Change Tax	\$123,591.00			
Yield Taxes	\$13,217.00			
Utilities	\$45,868.82	\$7,344.15	\$378.78	
Interest	\$2,968.00	\$17,490.35		
Penalties	\$25.00			
Excavation Tax	\$9,841.36			
Excavation Activity	\$528.38	\$2,575.00		
<b>Abatements Made:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$2,927.97	\$231.00		
Land Use Change	\$11,810.00			
Yield Taxes	98.00			
Interest	23.47			

Uncollected Taxes

End of Year:

Property Taxes	\$297,176.87			\$331.00
Penalties INF	\$25.00			
Yield Taxes	\$1,947.99			
Sewer	\$7,523.18			
Gravel Activity	\$2,575.00			
Excavation Activity	\$270.05			
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$4,837,630.22</b>	<b>\$282,954.84</b>	<b>\$2,575.18</b>	<b>\$331.00</b>

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	1998	Levies of		Prior
		1997	1996	
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance, Beg. FY		\$62,208.59	\$25,325.18	\$202.48
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	\$73,433.18			
Interest & Costs				
Collected after				
Lien Execution	\$437.73	\$4,677.88	\$7,712.68	
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$73,870.91</b>	<b>\$66,886.47</b>	<b>\$33,037.86</b>	<b>\$202.48</b>

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REMITTANCE TO TREASURER

	1998	1997	1996	Prior
Redemptions	\$18,076.89	\$33,088.19	\$19,936.54	
Interest/ Costs				
(After Lien Execution)	\$437.73	\$4,677.88	\$7,712.68	
Abatements on Unredeemed Taxes		\$275.10	318.55	202.48
Balance of				
Unredeemed Liens				
End of Year	\$55,356.29	\$28,845.30	\$5,070.09	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$73,870.91</b>	<b>\$66,886.47</b>	<b>\$33,037.86</b>	<b>\$202.48</b>

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

## 1999 Assessed Valuation

### Value of Land Only:

	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,380	\$547,787	
Residential	9,247	127,927,746	
Commercial/Industrial	1,026	4,976,250	
Total of Taxable Land	20,653		\$133,451,783
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$8,927,344)			

### Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$98,450,750	
Commercial/Industrial	8,130,050	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$106,580,800
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$7,595,900)		

### Public Utilities:

Electric	\$1,977,573
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### VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

Blind Exemptions (Number: 1)	\$15,000	
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 6)	180,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		(\$195,000)

### Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed

\$241,815,156

### Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation and/or Flood Control Land	\$931
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)	17,183

### TAX CREDITS

	Limit	No.	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and widows of veterans	\$700	2	\$ 1,400
Other war service credits	\$50	92	4,750
Total number of amount		94	\$6,150



## **BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, N.H.**

### **Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000**

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	\$99,487.00	\$100,141.00	\$101,370.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	1,950.00	3,389.00	5,340.00
Financial Administration	59,732.00	61,023.00	61,009.00
Legal Expense	12,000.00	7,585.00	22,000.00
Personnel Administration	124,100.00	124,227.00	133,075.00
Planning & Zoning	12,750.00	10,634.00	12,772.00
General Government Buildings	23,464.00	23,819.00	23,868.00
Cemeteries	11,271.00	11,567.00	13,371.00
Insurance	31,000.00	22,820.00	24,100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	2,549.00	2,589.00	2,841.00
Other General Government	3,700.00	2,777.00	4,200.00
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	173,854.00	168,845.00	176,172.00
Ambulance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Department	46,980.00	41,100.00	46,988.00
Building Inspection	3,550.00	3,306.00	3,875.00
Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	100.00
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	19,613.00	17,312.00	19,756.00
<b>Highways and Streets</b>			
Administration	571,821.00	561,447.00	575,739.00
Street Lighting	15,200.00	14,705.00	15,000.00
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Administration	48,665.00	52,793.00	54,203.00
Solid Waste Disposal	91,500.00	102,334.00	86,000.00
Solid Waste Recycling	1,500.00	1,778.00	1,500.00
<b>Health</b>			
Health Agencies and Hospitals	14,011.00	12,911.00	14,218.00
<b>Welfare</b>			
Direct Assistance	9,410.00	17,543.00	12,810.00

**Culture and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation	18,945.00	20,918.00	20,075.00
Library	19,980.00	21,590.00	30,857.00
Other Culture and Recreation	3,050.00	3,043.00	3,366.00

**Conservation**

Purchases of Natural Resources	825.00	329.00	825.00
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**Debt Service**

Principal, Long Term			
Bonds and Notes	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
Interest, Long Term			
Bonds and Notes	18,002.00	18,001.00	14,038.00
Interest on TAN	500.00	833.00	500.00

**Capital Outlay**

Land & Improvements	41,317.00	41,317.00	22,517.00
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	218,627.00	218,627.00	222,462.00
Buildings	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Improvements	18,700.00	18,414.00	0.00

**Operating Transfers Out**

To Special Revenue Fund	53,346.00	53,346.00	53,803.00
To Capital Reserve Fund	88,000.00	88,000.00	103,000.00
To Expendable Trust Funds	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,000.00

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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$1,959,499.00</b>	<b>\$1,948,063.00</b>	<b>\$1,959,750.00</b>
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**SOURCE OF REVENUE**

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$12,000.00	\$69,511.00	\$25,000.00
Yield Taxes	26,000.00	11,243.00	15,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	17,183.00	20,000.00
Other Taxes	6,500.00	7,865.00	7,500.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000.00	34,297.00	45,000.00
Excavation Activity Tax	13,500.00	12,864.00	13,500.00
<b>Licenses, Permits and Fees</b>			
Business Licenses and Permits	6,000.00	4,217.00	6,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	250,000.00	267,980.00	275,000.00
Building Permits	6,000.00	8,786.00	8,500.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500.00	4,926.00	2,000.00

**From State**

Shared Revenue	11,000.00	12,136.00	12,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	25,000.00	31,415.00	32,000.00
Highway Block Grant	75,000.00	70,727.00	75,500.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	979.00	937.00	1,000.00
Other	7,000.00	3,957.00	7,000.00
From Other Governments	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Charges For Services**

Income from Departments	20,000.00	25,471.00	25,000.00
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**Miscellaneous Revenues**

Sale of Municipal Property	15,000.00	2,621.00	25,000.00
Interest on Investments	38,000.00	34,526.00	38,000.00
Other	15,000.00	16,073.00	15,000.00

**Interfund Operating Transfers In**

Special Revenue Funds	78,346.00	78,346.00	53,803.00
Capital Reserve Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	197,226.00
Cemetery	1,200.00	1,622.00	1,500.00

**Other Financing Sources**

Long Term Bonds & Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00
"Surplus"	57,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00

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TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	\$930,025.00	\$946,703.00	\$940,529.00
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	Year 1999	Year 2000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,959,499.00	\$1,959,750.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues	930,025.00	940,529.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,029,474.00	\$1,019,221.00



## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board has had a very busy year. In general, the Board has met an average of twice per month: regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month and an additional 12 work sessions to review existing conditions, analyze trends, and develop new or revise existing regulations to meet changing requirements.

As part of the Board's responsibility to act on property applications, the following hearings and actions were taken:

Subdivisions: Four conceptual plans were reviewed and five formal hearings were conducted, in addition to one subdivision amendment.

Annexations & Voluntary Lot Mergers: Five applications were received and approved.

Lot Line Adjustments: Three adjustments were approved.

Site Plan Reviews: Conceptual reviews and discussions were conducted on five proposals. Two of these were major projects and improvements: the Baker Hill Golf Club development and the Mt. Sunapee Ski Resort improvements, including a new base lodge, trail improvements, added snow-making equipment, and other site improvements. As part of these project reviews, two preliminary hearings were conducted and five formal/final hearings were held with public input and participation.

Notices of Decision: In a new confirming Board action, four Notices of Decision were issued to document conditions of Board approvals.

In addition to the above application or request hearings, the Board reviewed concerns and/or requirements on property boundary monuments, followed up on several specific complaints, and conducted a number of site inspections to determine existing conditions and to prepare reports for the Board of Selectmen where corrective action was indicated.

The Board studied a number of on-going concerns and action plans for 2000. The Board made application to "Plan New Hampshire" for funding studies in the Business District; focused a DES grant on a study objective to analyze LSPA records on the effect of Town of Sunapee and Blodgett Landing sewer systems on Lake Sunapee water quality; reviewed a 1998 build-out study from Duke University; and, in review of a proposal by the NH Land and Community Heritage Commission, identified special features and historic and cultural assets of the town.

Later in the year, the Board reviewed the Zoning Ordinance for needed revisions and response to citizen concerns and suggestions, and changing requirements. A number of amendments were proposed for clarification and/or correlation with other articles in the regulations. Two amendments reflect on-going concerns from last year. These are the Business District and the Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District. The proposed Business District identifies three areas along Route 103 and that section of Route 103B for potential commercial development and precludes continuous strip commercialization along Route 103. The Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District objective is to protect the scenic, aesthetic and rural character of the town, and manage the density on land less suitable for construction.\*

Another proposed amendment deals with the establishment of the Mt. Sunapee Recreation Overlay District and is intended to promote regulations providing for review and control of projects proposed by the Resort.

The Board hopes you will take the time to review these proposals, and will approve them with your votes at the Town Meeting. Also, we want to hear your concerns and ideas. You are welcome to attend the monthly meetings or to send us your recommendations by letter.

I wish to thank all the Board members for their active participation during the year. The town can be thankful for this hard-working team of volunteers. If you are interested in serving on the Board, it is not necessary to start out by standing for election. Instead, you may apply to the Board of Selectmen to be appointed an alternate member, giving you the chance to participate in all Board business except for voting and, when a member is absent, you may vote in his or her place at the discretion of the chair.

*J. Ronald Williams, Chairman*

*\*After public hearings were held the Planning Board withdrew the Skyline/Hillside proposal.*

## **KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD**

The Kearsarge District continues to maintain an excellent reputation as a District which seeks to assure the success of all students through continual improvement of our teaching and our programs. We have received recognition from the State Board of Education for many of our initiatives. Last Spring the Kearsarge District was recognized by Governor Shaheen for demonstrating commitment to improving schools and student performance and the District was accepted as one of 20 school systems to participate in the "Best Schools Leadership Institute."

Over the past several years our teachers have developed a number of initiatives to improve student learning. Reading and writing skills have received major emphasis not only in the primary grades but also at the middle school and high school with programs to teach reading and writing across the curriculum. Better curriculum planning and scheduling techniques (curriculum mapping) have assisted teachers to design projects involving students in the disciplines of several courses while working as a team. Greater focus on math computation skills has resulted in measurable improvement at the primary grades and a redesign of the math curriculum at the middle school has increased the number of students taking algebra. A study skills program seeks to teach students the techniques of time management, note taking, and studying which should help them in their learning now and in the future.

At Kearsarge Regional High School we continue to offer a broad program which seeks to meet the diverse needs of our students. The culinary arts program, the graphic arts program, and the school-to-work initiatives provide opportunities to show the relevance of education to those who may not enjoy a pure academic approach. The new pre-engineering program (Project Lead the Way) provides a hands-on introduction to engineering and applied science with heavy dependence on computer design techniques. In addition to these initiatives we continue to do a good job at preparing our students for college.

If we are going to maintain our position and continue to improve we must recruit and retain talented and motivated teachers. In that context, the teachers' contract warrant article is extremely important for the voters to approve. Because of the dispute on the health insurance issue which has now been resolved, our teachers were without a contract and without a raise for the last year. Our competitive position has seriously deteriorated in comparison with other comparable school districts and turnover in teaching positions has increased. We need to give our teachers a vote of confidence and appreciation by approving the warrant article on the contract.

*Dean E. Bensley  
Newbury Member, KRSB*



## **BRADFORD-NEWBURY KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL**

This is an important year for the BNKP, as September 2000 will mark the 30th anniversary of our existence. We opened our doors at the Bradford Town Hall in September of 1970 and have been educating young children ever since. Hundreds of preschoolers and kindergartners from Bradford and Newbury have gotten off to a good start at the BNKP. Over the years we have had several teachers and aides in our program who have helped our children on the path to elementary education; for the last eight years we have been fortunate to have Susan Kingsbury as our teacher, aided by Maryse Conway.

Currently, we have 18 children enrolled in the Kindergarten and six in the Preschool. The BNKP is licensed by the State of New Hampshire to provide a quality preschool and kindergarten program for young children. Our school fosters parental involvement through monthly parent meetings and fund-raising events. The hours spent fund-raising help keep tuition low, in an attempt to make our program an option for all families. Through the work of many people, we will soon be moving to the new Bradford Area Community Center on Main Street, where there is a beautiful classroom awaiting our occupancy. Students, teachers, and parents are all so excited about our move! We would like to thank all those (too numerous to list) who have made this move possible. We especially thank the Board of Selectmen and the residents from both the towns of Bradford and Newbury for the support they have shown us over the years. Without it, we would be unable to continue providing a quality kindergarten and preschool program to our children. Thank you!

*Board of Directors  
Bradford -Newbury  
Kindergarten and Preschool*

## NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library opened the year in temporary quarters in the town office building, as construction continued on the renovated building. On April 24, 1999, the temporary library closed, and the staff, trustees, and many volunteers began moving the library's books and other property into the new building. On May 29, 1999, the new library opened to the public.

The new building is fully accessible to the disabled. Most of the old building was completely renovated and converted into a children's room. About 2100 square feet were added, providing space for separate rooms for young adults, reference, fiction, and classified material. A spacious lobby includes computer stations, a large circulation desk, and French doors opening to a patio/bird sanctuary, dedicated to the memory of former librarian George Beal. A workroom with ample cupboards, counter tops, and computer stations is next to the circulation desk. The young adult room, dedicated to the memory of Sue Webster, doubles as a meeting room with separate outside access. The yard was newly landscaped, and the town provided a new white fence tying together the library, the town office building, and the Center Meeting House.

**Patronage and circulation.** Patronage has more than doubled in the new building. The following table compares the average number of patron visits during the months June through December (the full months of operation of the new library) for the past four years:

<b>Average Number of Patron Visits, June through December: a Four-Year Comparison</b>				
	1999	1998	1997	1996
# of visits/month	789	350	341	305

The following table shows the total number of patron visits and checkouts for each of the past four years:

<b>Patron Visits and Checkouts: a Four -Year Comparison</b>				
	1999	1998	1997	1996
Patron visits	6,301	4,078	3,759	3,166
Checkouts	8,098	6,084	5,311	4,779

Even though the library operated out of temporary quarters for four months and was closed for five weeks during the move, the average monthly attendance for all of 1999 was 525 patron visits, which is more than for any month in library history before June 1999.

**Grand opening.** The new library's grand opening was held on July 3, 1999. About 400 people attended the event, which included a dedication ceremony and readings by New Hampshire authors Sherbrooke Rogers, Donald Hall, and Jack Noon.

**Volunteers.** Many volunteers contributed time and effort to the library during 1999. Volunteers helped move the library into the new building, kept the new building clean, maintained the story hour program, set up the library's web site, processed thousands of books, and helped with day-to-day operations. The library could never have advanced so far during this momentous year without the help of many volunteers. The library welcomes new volunteers, and invites interested persons to contact the library staff.

**Automation.** The library has now completely computerized its catalog and circulation functions. In early January 2000, there were 7,942 holdings in the library's collection, and about 670 registered patrons. The catalog contains a record of every book, audiobook, and video on the library's shelves. Patrons may access the catalog on any of the computers in the library. In addition, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Ken Tentarelli, anyone may search the catalog at the library's web site on the Internet. The library's Internet address is:

[www.town.newbury.nh.us/library](http://www.town.newbury.nh.us/library)

**Children's story hour.** Julie Allen continues her volunteer leadership of the Wednesday morning children's preschool story hour. For the year, the average attendance at each session was 10 children and 6 adults. Attendance increased substantially over 1998:

**Story Hour Attendance: 1999 vs. 1998**

	1999	1998
Children	405	253
Grown-ups	242	141
Total	647	394

The library now conducts story hour every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. when the library is open. Stories and related activities are provided for the children. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Friends of the Library.** The Friends, under the direction of Connie Beal, organized the Fourth of July parade. In the fall, the Friends reorganized and solicited over a hundred memberships. They began selling library book bags, and conducted the Christmas tree lighting, attended by over 90 people.

**Delivery to the homebound.** The library delivers materials to the homebound upon request.



**Interlibrary loan.** Interlibrary loan activity increased in 1999.

**Interlibrary Loan Activity: 1999 vs. 1998**

	1999	1998
Books received	421	396
Books lent	149	90

**New materials.** The library purchased 367 new books and audiobooks in 1999. In addition, about 2,500 other materials were donated and added to the collection, including approximately 200 videos. The library now has about twenty-five subscriptions to various periodicals, most of which were donated.

**Please visit the library.** The library has a wealth of reading materials and information resources, including the Internet, readily available and accessible for free to all Newbury residents and property owners. The new building is bright and comfortable, awaiting your next visit.

***Newbury Library Board of Trustees***

*Meg Ames, Chairperson*

*Beverly Wolf, Treasurer*

*Shelly Candidus, Secretary*

***Librarians***

*Alan Brown*

*Alice Lynn*

*Newbury Public Library (Photo by Ed Candidus)*



## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Fourteen appeals were made to the Board in 1999 and the results of these appeals are as follows:

5 Special Exceptions granted, 3 with conditions

3 Variances granted, 1 with conditions

2 Variances and 1 Special Exception denied

There are no court cases pending.

I thank the members of the ZBA, who continue to volunteer their time to assure that the zoning ordinances and requirements are applied in a fair and consistent manner in Newbury.

*Robert Howes, Chairman*

*Alex Azodi*

*Carolyn Cassady*

*Robert Burton*

*Suzanne Levine*

*Katheryn Holmes*

*Del Harris*

*Scott Knabb*

*Betsy Soper*

*Susan Young, Recording Secretary*

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1999 was a productive year for the Highway Department. Along with the regular duties of snow and ice control, grading, brushing, etc., we worked on many other projects. The caboose area at Bell Cove was paved and improved with granite curbing, and the Town Office and Library parking areas were resurfaced.

In accordance with the five-year plan set forth in 1998, Bay Point Road was paved and Bowles Road was reclaimed along with the removal of boulders and replacement of numerous culverts on these and other roads. The major expenditure for the year 2000 will be the paving of Bowles Road, one of the longest (1.8 miles) and most badly in need of repair in the town. Chalk Pond Road will be reclaimed and prepared for paving in 2001. Meantime, the five-year road improvement plan is being reviewed and brought up-to-date.

Seven hundred tons of hot mix were used to level and shim Pine Street, Washington Street, Post Office Street, Rollins Road, and Newell Road. Stoney Brook and Rollins Roads were regaveled and ditched. Magnesium chloride was used on gravel roads to reduce dust, which seems to be very effective. Thanks to the dry spring and summer we were able to repair the footings on three bridges on Mountain Road and the Box Culvert on South Road. New guardrails were installed on Bay Point Road.

Also in 1999, a waste oil heater was installed at the Highway Shed, which allows us to dispose of waste oil that we generate and also the waste oil collected at the Transfer Station from residents.

The Highway Department grader, which has given us good service since 1981, has finally reached the end of its useful life. You will note that there is a warrant article covering the purchase of a new grader, with funds to come out of Capital Reserves, and I hope for your approval of this item.

Thanks for your continued support of our projects.

*Cal Prussman*  
*Highway Administrator*



## TRANSFER STATION

Use of the Transfer Station continued to expand during 1999, both in terms of services provided and number of patrons. The new facility has been organized to facilitate our recycling efforts, which include paper, tin and aluminum cans, glass, and waste oil. The recycling of paper has been expanded to include newspaper, magazines, box board, cardboard, junk mail, telephone books, mixed office paper, brown paper bags, fax paper, and gift wrapping. These types of paper do not have to be separated, and collecting them together helps the town realize considerable cost savings in disposal.

**REMINDER:** Refuse can only be accepted from vehicles with permits. These are available from the Town Office and are free for Newbury residents.

In 1999, the Transfer Station initiated fees for the disposal of three categories of waste: construction and demolition; white goods; and tires. Fees are paid by vouchers which can be purchased from the Town Office in denominations of \$2, \$5, or \$10. Vouchers are not available at the Transfer Station, nor can cash be accepted there. Fees for disposal of construction and demolition materials range from \$10 to \$20, depending on the size of the load. Fees for disposal of stoves, heaters, washers, dryers, dishwashers, etc. are \$5; refrigerators/freezers are \$10. Tires (no rims) can be disposed of for \$2 (less than 16") or \$5 (16" and larger).

These fees are in line with those imposed by neighboring towns, and help the town defray the ever-rising cost of disposing of these materials. We appreciate the cooperation of residents in helping us run the Transfer Station efficiently and economically.

Hazardous Waste Day for Newbury residents and neighboring communities will be held in Newbury this year on August 26, 2000 at the Highway Garage from 9 a.m. until noon.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our town environment safe and clean.

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator*  
*Will Willis, Assistant*



## BLODGETT SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY

The Blodgett Sewer Treatment Facility lines were examined in 1999 and videotaped using a remote camera run through the pipes. This was part of a plan to evaluate the overall condition of the system. Fortunately, no problem areas were discovered and it will not be necessary to replace any portion of the pipes in the foreseeable future.

The four new pumps which were installed in 1998 continue to give good performance in filling the beds.

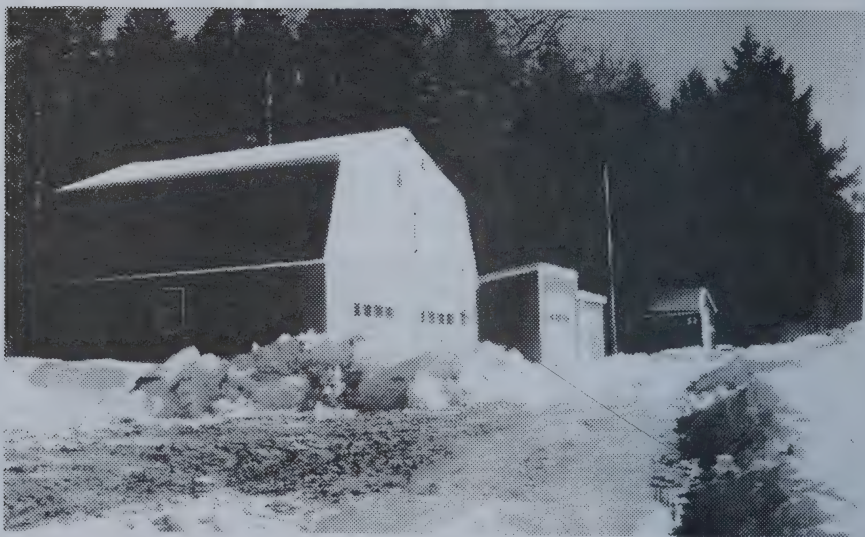
Two major improvements made last year consist of a well for a water supply at the storage and work building, and the construction of a new shed/garage which serves as a work area, with office space, and gives us much better storage capacity than the old building.

The system is monitored on a daily basis and continues to function effectively and efficiently.

Thanks for your continued support.

*Tim Mulder, Chief Operator*

*New Blodgett Sewer Garage (Photo by Ed Candidus)*



## **RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

The Recycling Committee began its work to see if we could assist in reducing the amount of trash that was transported to the incinerator. We examined the various materials collected at the Transfer Station to see how we could reduce each.

We felt that many people who were not authorized were using the Transfer Station. As most other towns charged for demolition and white goods, we were certain that Newbury was getting materials that belonged in other towns. We also felt that the recycle system for paper was too difficult for people to easily use.

As a first step, we re-activated the sticker system. This meant that only authorized people would be using the facility. We instituted a fee policy for demolition as last year there was a 50 percent increase in the amount of demolition material accepted at the Transfer Station. These fees were very modest and not intended to fully recover the costs, but to put the burden of paying for the service on those who used it.

The results of the changes that were implemented in July were excellent. During 1999, demolition was reduced by 23 tons, trash by 33 tons, and white goods by 27 tons. Although the final figures are not in, it appears the cardboard increased by 2 tons and the newspaper was also up by 2 tons.

This is a good start. Much more can be done if we all consciously think about recycling and reducing what we put in the compactor. Paper still accounts for over 50 percent of the waste stream. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work, the selectmen for their support, and Churchill Heselton for his guidance and direction in implementing these changes.

*Daniel H. Wolf, Chairman*



## **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

1999 was a record year for building permits issued and new homes built:

One hundred two (102) permits were issued. As usual, they were for a variety of projects. Here are the numbers:

- 26 new houses and 6 condo units
- 24 barns/sheds
- 21 additions/alterations
- 16 decks/porches (in addition to those  
incorporated in new homes)
- 16 garages (in addition to those  
incorporated in new homes)
- 1 ski lodge (very nice; go see it!)
- 1 greenhouse
- 1 screen house
- 1 swimming pool
- 1 caboose with alterations/renovations

From 1990 through 1998 we averaged 14 new homes per year. In 1999 this figure jumped to 32! We welcome these new residents and home-owners to the town.

As in the past, building permits are issued Wednesday evening by appointment. After obtaining your approved application from the Selectmen, please call me at home at 938-5481. Evenings are the best time to contact me.

Have a healthy and prosperous 2000!

*Del Harris, Building Inspector*

## INFORMATION BOOTH

In 1999, the Newbury Harbor Information Booth was open five hours a day, Wednesday through Sunday, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We had a steady stream of visitors, peaking in July for the Craftsmen's Fair at Mt. Sunapee. During the time of the fair, almost 200 requests were received from motorists, who were given handouts and information.

While traffic at the booth remained on a par with that of last year, we had fewer picnickers stopping to enjoy lunch and the view at our picnic tables. This may have been due to the construction going on around the caboose renovation, although this, too, drew interested questions and comments.

In addition to wanting information about area activities, visitors asked about hiking and mountain bike trails, places to eat, lodging, boat rentals, and general information about the town and area. They came from all around the country and overseas as far as the states of Washington and California and included students from Denmark and tourists from Ireland and England. Everyone was most complimentary about our area and enjoyed their time with us.

We are looking forward to an even busier season in 2000 when the caboose with its historic memorabilia will be open to the public. The adjacent new informational sign provided by the Scenic and Cultural Byways Program and the new sod and walkway by the caboose are sure to attract many travelers for a visit.

*Violet Jones, Staffer*

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

The Cemetery Trustees had an unusually busy and productive year. At the first Trustee meeting in March, the goals and general plans for the year were established.

This year we began to implement our policy of committing to cornerstone placement before a deed is issued. We are happy with the compliance on the part of the public. We continue to urge that all plot owners have the markers installed to assist in plot location and maintenance.

Due to the mild winter and dry conditions, we began work in the cemeteries early in April. During the summer months we were kept busy with plot sales, funerals, installations of stones and markers, and supervisory duties.

In mid-October we began some arduous and painstaking restoration work in several locations. Assisted by the town Highway Department, we reset stones, cut shrubs and trees, and filled in depressed areas at Bean, Baker Hill, and Lakeside cemeteries.

In November we completed our "Cemetery Regulations" list which explains the rules and procedures relating to cemetery and burial ground in the town. The material has been distributed to all elected officials and commission heads and is available at the Town Office.

The final project of the season was the completion of fencing around South Newbury Cemetery which includes an entrance gate on the north side of the cemetery.

We presented a comprehensive and ambitious but realistic agenda of our budget needs for next year to the selectmen. As the majority of the plots in most of our cemeteries have been sold, future needs must be addressed. First, we plan to complete the survey work necessary to make available several small plots in Lakeside Cemetery. Second, we propose to grade and fill eroded sites in Marshall Cemetery and have that area ready early next year. Third, we will begin the overall design development plan for our newest and largest cemetery, the Booth-Sherman.



Projects for the new millennium include a computer program to track all burials, restoration of stones, accelerated cleaning of monuments, and expansion of a perpetual care fund to help defray the ever-mounting cost of cemetery maintenance.

Thanks to all who have helped in any way to make our cemeteries places of beauty and rest.

*Cemetery Trustees:*

*Mary Bachelder*

*Wilbert Willis*

*William Annable*

*Locomotive passing thru Newbury Station (Photo - Dale Russell)*



## POLICE REPORT

1999 was a very busy year. This statement is backed up by the Department of Transportation's traffic counter and the Police Department's Calls for Service numbers. Our calls for service in 1999 numbered over 3,200. Some of the increases were in motor vehicle activity. In 1998 the Police Department made 1,105 motor vehicle stops, while in 1999 it made 1,446. While traffic and traffic stops were up, motor vehicle accidents were down almost 20 percent, the lowest in five years.

Going into the new millennium we have seen a subtle change in the community and the type of crimes reported. For example, we had three vehicles reported stolen last year. Not only is three an unusually large number, but these are the first reported stolen motor vehicles in the past eight years. The good news is that all were recovered and an arrest was made in one of the cases.

Continuing education requirements were all met this year in Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Technician re-certifications, and police full-time academy. Officer Travis Miller and Officer Christopher Lemay both completed training at the academy.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the staff for all their efforts over the past years. They are a dedicated group of individuals who serve their community and their profession well. Thank you.

*Chief James S. Valiquet*

### Newbury Police Department Activity

	1999	1998	1997	1996
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Assault, Aggravated	0	0	1	0
Burglary	3	7	11	5
Thefts	44	36	63	63
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2	0	0	1
Simple Assault	11	1	4	2
Forgery	0	1	0	2
Fraud	5	4	11	4
Recovered Stolen Property	1	0	0	0
Larceny	10	1	0	0
Criminal Mischief	5	22	26	29
Discharge of Firearms	3	5	0	0

Sexual Offenses	1	0	2	2
Drug Offenses	8	9	11	10
Family Offenses	3	1	1	1
Neglect	0	0	1	0
Driving While Intoxicated	14	7	14	5
Liquor Violations	2	3	8	6
Public Intoxication /safekeeping	3	25	9	32
Disorderly Conduct	10	3	1	3
False Public Alarm	2	1	0	1
Disturbance Fight	3	5	1	4
Domestic Dispute	5	7	12	8
Harassment by Phone	5	4	7	1
Noise Complaints	8	10	12	8
Unwanted Guest	0	1	7	1
Breach of the Peace	2	2	0	2
Fireworks Complaints	0	1	3	9
Resisting Arrest	0	1	1	0
Criminal Threatening	2	2	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>
Other Offenses (Non-Traffic)	5	0	2	0
OHRV Complaints	1	0	0	2
Paper Service	23	7	12	0
Trespassing	6	6	8	7
Warrant Service	2	2	2	0
Restraining Orders	2	7	8	1
Violation of Town Ordinance	1	26	0	1
Littering	2	0	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>
Juvenile Offenses				
Truancy	0	0	0	1
Incorrigible	1	2	0	2
Runaway	0	8	0	2
Other (Delinquency)	0	3	16	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>



### Miscellaneous Traffic Complaints

Abandoned				
Motor Vehicles	30	8	11	9
Traffic Hazard	8	25	28	46
Parking Offenses	17	6	13	6
Motor Vehicle Lockout	4	5	6	4
All Other	35	25	33	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>99</b>

### Miscellaneous Calls

Found Property	27	15	12	23
Hazard Non-motor Vehicle	6	8	21	20
Lost Property	19	7	14	10
Lost or Stolen Plates	2	3	4	1
Missing Person (adult)	5	0	3	3
Missing Person (juvenile)	2	4	3	7
Police Information	52	54	81	63
Safekeeping	0	4	11	37
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	60	35	55	57
Other				
Miscellaneous Calls	119	59	71	102
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>323</b>

### Motor Vehicle Accidents

Personal Injury	6	8	6	15
Property Damage Only	35	46	44	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>

### Motor Vehicle Violations

Summonses	115	104	142	207
Written Warnings	1274	943	974	856
Motor Vehicle Checks	12	20	11	25
Complaints	3	1	25	3
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	2	9	0
Operating without License/2nd	5	1	0	7
Defective Equipment Tags	35	34	28	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1446</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>1189</b>	<b>1116</b>

### Assists

Emergency Medical	20	55	62	57
Fire	51	24	18	35
Other Police Agency	114	142	129	93
Public	4	57	122	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>289</b>

### Service

Vacant House				
Check, request	74	17	80	88
Vacant House Check	32	86	273	110
Business Checks	349	64	100	855
Unsecured Building	17	6	8	11
Pistol Permits	25	7	6	10
Brady Bill Checks	0	0	0	0
Lockouts	1	11	20	17
Escorts	3	0	21	0
VIN Verification	0	0	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1091</b>

### Animal Complaints

Dog Ordinance Violations	18	26	42	39
Dog Bite	5	1	3	2
All Other (dog)	57	25	24	44
Complaints (other than dogs)	11	8	15	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>106</b>

### Alarms

Commercial	26	28	13	24
Public Building	5	2	8	6
Residential	82	84	69	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>

### Community Contacts

Untimely Death	0	1	1	4
Directed Patrol	29	19	93	129

## **BRADFORD RESCUE SQUAD**

In 1999, the Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 202 calls; 90 in Bradford, 53 in Newbury, 35 in Sutton, 12 in Warner (12 calls were cancelled). Seventy-four patients were transported to New London Hospital and 54 patients were transported to Concord Hospital. Fifty calls resulted in no patient transport.

The Squad is presently made up of 25 volunteers; 14 from Bradford, four from Sutton, one from Warner and six from Newbury. We also work very closely with Newbury FAST Squad, Sutton Rescue and Warner Rescue, enabling all of us to provide you with the highest standard of care.

We accepted with regret the resignations of Ralph Carroll, Christine Nelson, and Bud Nelson. Our sincere thanks for their years of service to the community. We are fortunate to have new members Tony Sullivan, Bruce Edwards, Jim MacNab, Chuck Goodale, and Brian Meyer. We appreciated the help of Shawn Sims while he was on leave from the US Army Reserve.

In December, we were able to purchase a new cardiac defibrillator. This is a state of the art machine, which cost approximately \$10,000. Your donations and various fund-raisers enabled us to buy this valuable piece of equipment.

As the number of new volunteers and personnel to staff day calls has been steadily decreasing, we have been discussing with surrounding towns how we can best provide daytime coverage for our area. At this writing, we continue to explore a variety of possible solutions.

Our thanks to local businesses that allow volunteers to respond to daytime calls. Without their support, this coverage would be difficult, if not impossible. And once again, our sincere thanks to the townspeople for your continued financial support. You have made it possible for us to train our members and supply and maintain our ambulance. If you are interested in becoming an EMT or First Responder, please contact any member. We could use your help!

As always, in case of emergency, dial 911. Please clearly post your house number. We cannot help you if we can't find you! Best wishes for a healthy and safe year.

***Mary Beth Fenton, Captain***

*Dick Vitale, Driver, Lieutenant*

*Sue Vitale, EMT, Treasurer*

*Preston Starr, EMT-I, Maintenance*

*Tony Sullivan, EMT, Supply*

*Jenn Morris, EMT, Secretary*

*Felicia Starr, EMT, Training Officer*

*1999 Roster*

*Kate Bailey, EMT*

*Rick Bailey, EMT*

*Mike Dunn, EMT-I*

*Bruce Edwards, EMT*

*Peter Fenton, (First Responder pending)*

*Lee Ann Freire, EMT*

*Mark Goldberg, EMT*

*Chuck Goodale, EMT*

*Karen Hall, EMT-1*

*Jim MacNab, EMT*

*Alan McCartney, EMT-P*

*Brian Meyer, EMT (pending)*

*John Niederriter, Driver*

*Jim Powell, EMT*

*Linda Powell, EMT*

*John Simonds, EMT*

*Shawn Sims, EMT*

*Jim Valiquet, EMT*



## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As most of you already know, 1999 has come and gone with nothing major to report. The much-heralded Y2K bug never showed its ugly head and we have enjoyed a good, if not snowy, start to the New Year.

As we enter the new millennium, let's hope the year 2000 is kind to us all and free from major emergencies. If you want to check out information describing the town's emergency plan, please ask for it at the Library.

Best wishes for a trouble-free year.

*Ed Thorson,  
Office of Emergency Management*

*Early locomotive rolling thru Newbury Station.*



## NEWBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our calls increased from 75 in 1998 to 123 in 1999. These are detailed below.

Members of the Fire Department show up every Tuesday night for meetings, training, and work details. In addition, during the year members take medical, rescue, and fire courses to keep certifications current and increase their knowledge in the Fire/Rescue service.

I would like to thank all members for their time and dedication and also thank their employers for allowing the emergency staff to leave their work to go on calls. Their cooperation is very much appreciated.

*Henry Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief*

### Department Officers:

Assistant Chief ..... David Smith  
 Captain ..... Kevin Walker  
 Lieutenant ..... Ken Burnell, Ed Thorson,  
    Michael Dunn, James Valiquet  
 Clerk ..... James Drewniak  
 Treasurer ..... Robin Parkhurst  
 Communications ..... David Kinsman  
 Prevention ..... George Mellen  
 Medical ..... Pam Drewniak  
 Standing Committee ..... John Croteau, Jen Smith, Mike Mennino

### Department Calls 1999

Auto Accident .....	18	Respiratory Problem .....	6
Boat Rescue .....	1	Laceration .....	3
Falls /Trauma .....	11	Stroke .....	3
Mutual Aid .....	2	Heat Related .....	2
Chimney Fires .....	5	Diabetic Emergency .....	4
Vehicle Fires .....	3	Emotional Problem.....	1
Fuel Spill .....	1	Natural Death .....	1
Cardiac Problems .....	12	Search & Rescue .....	1
Smoke/Odor Problems .....	6	Wires Down .....	7
False Alarm.....	10	Service Call .....	1
Brush Fire .....	8	Structure Fire .....	2
In-house Medical .....	15		
		<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>123</b>

## **NEWBURY FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

This has been a very busy year. Due to lack of rain in the spring and summer (and no early winter snowfall), burning restrictions have been very tight. I thank many of you for your patience in obtaining permits. We had some problems with people burning illegally. These could have been avoided by giving me a call and asking questions. Our little town is getting larger and someone is likely to report your smoke (whether or not you have a permit). State law clearly defines the penalties for burning illegally.

We had a major incident in July with the fire on Bald Sunapee. Our thanks go first and foremost to our Fire Department and the Deputy Wardens of the town. They gave 100 percent on very adverse terrain and worked out logistics to attack and suppress the fire over the many days it took to control it. We also thank our mutual aid neighboring towns for their immediate response and Doug Miner, our State Forest Ranger, for the resources he provided. It could have been a much worse situation without expert help, and I am very proud of the way that all the agencies involved worked together and the fact that no one got hurt.

The fire, which consumed about 6 acres, could easily have involved 60 or even 600 acres. Fighting it was a large expense to the town and state, but the money was well spent. It was caused by lightning, but our firefighters responded with lightning speed and got it under control!

Please call with your questions. Plan ahead of time to burn and obtain permits. Yes, permits are needed for campfires, but you may obtain a seasonal permit. When the ground is snow-covered, you may burn without a permit, but someone may still report your smoke, and it will be checked.

*David G. Smith, Newbury Warden (938-5925)*

## STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 11 Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs, and enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call us at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputies who assist the Forest Rangers with fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The 1999 season saw a dramatic increase in wildland fires due to the spring drought and residual effects of the 1998 ice storm. Throughout the state, more than 452 acres and 35 structures were impacted by wildfire. Homeowners can protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are identified with street numbers.

The state of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

### 1999 Fire Statistics (reported through December 10, 1999)

Fires Reported by County	Causes of Fires Reported
Belknap ..... 139	Smoking ..... 188
Carroll ..... 81	Debris Burning ..... 352
Cheshire ..... 131	Campfire ..... 161
Coos ..... 18	Miscellaneous ..... 279
Grafton ..... 70	Railroad ..... 6
Hillsborough ..... 271	Equipment Use ..... 43
Merrimack ..... 213	Lightning ..... 42
Rockingham ..... 218	Children ..... 176
Strafford ..... 98	Arson/Suspicious ..... 54
Sullivan ..... 62	
<b>Total Fires ..... 1301</b>	
<b>Total Acres ..... 452.28</b>	

Permits are available from myself, Dave Smith, or the H&H General Store. Please plan ahead to obtain a permit and call if you have questions about ANY outside burning.

*Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger*



## **THE FELLS**

### **John Hay National Wildlife Refuge**

Preservation of The Fells and progress toward its use as an educational center both advanced significantly in 1999. The Fells was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, and further work was begun on addressing the deterioration problems at the Main House. The on-going restoration of the gardens and designed landscape were recognized by the Garden Conservancy as one of their outstanding national projects. Educational programs and interpretation were strengthened with new partners, programs, and facilities.

Yankee Magazine featured The Fells in its August issue, bringing dozens of travelers to Newbury. Thanks to grant funding, the Friends conducted a visitor survey (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation), built a new trail and designed interpretive signs for it (N.H. Trails Bureau), and installed new signage at the entrance to the Refuge (Charles S. Bird Foundation).

#### **Landscape Preservation**

The Friends of the Hay Refuge hired Jeff Good as landscape manager, and staff and volunteers made impressive progress in garden rehabilitation. Long-buried garden paths were uncovered in both the rock garden and Old Garden, and their discovery, along with historic photos, is helping the staff to better understand the original structure of the gardens. An exciting find late in the season was the accidental unearthing of lead plant markers in the middle section of the Rock Garden. Next year this area will become the only part of the garden to be planted exactly as it was designed by Clarence Hay in the 1930s.

#### **Buildings**

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service hired The Hillier Group of Philadelphia as preservation architects for the \$1 million appropriation to preserve the historic buildings. They completed structural and systems evaluations for the Main House and Gatehouse, and thoroughly investigated water run-off and drainage systems. Their final recommendations will be made in early 2000, with construction to follow. Ron Williams served as the Friends' liaison on this project.

At the Gatehouse, the Friends embarked on Phase Two of their planned facility improvements which began with the new parking lot last year. Renovation of the three-car garage behind the Gatehouse into a multi-purpose educational room got under way in October, after months of planning and design work. The room will be ready for use in early 2000, giving the Friends a year-round, accessible program area for up to 50 people. Landscaping of the courtyard will take place in spring. All funds for this project were privately contributed to the Friends by our very generous members and supporters.

### **Education and Interpretation**

The Friends' classes, guided walks, and workshops served about 900 people, and overall visitor attendance was about 7,000. About 2500 people visited the Main House, open on weekends from Memorial Day through Columbus Day, and viewed a new slide show and two special art exhibits. Volunteer guides led tour groups throughout the house and helped staff the refuge for special events as well.

Highlights of the program year included "An Evening with John Hay" in June, Artists' Weekend and "Botanizing the Shoreline" in July, and our annual Sunset Hill picnic hike in August. Tour groups included garden clubs, scouts, and the entire Sutton Elementary School. Special receptions were held for the Chicago Botanic Garden, the opening of Sandy Wadlington's "In the Company of Light" exhibit, and for local businesspeople at an "After-Hours" event.

As in past years, the Friends co-sponsored programs with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests. We added collaborations with the N. H. chapter of the New England Wildflower Society and the Northeast Heather Society. Through the LSPA, the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, VT, ran three weeks of children's summer day camps at the Refuge. The John Hay Commission helped support the New Hampshire Furniture Masters exhibit.

Beth Manning, a junior at Kearsarge Regional High School, completed a winter internship studying the forestry profession and laying out a new forest ecology trail link. Michelle Landcastle, an intern from Antioch New England Graduate School, assisted with publications and promotion, and created a site brochure that she updated weekly with plants in bloom, wildlife sightings, and upcoming programs. Both these internships were very successful, and the Friends welcome inquiries from other qualified students for similar work experiences.

## Looking Ahead

The Friends new board chair, Joseph Cronin, has exciting plans for the future. In the next year, the Hay Land Studies Center will be launched as a joint project of the Friends and the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests. The Friends will be administering the lakeside cottage for residency programs, and will work with the Newbury Public Library to provide access to library holdings at the Refuge. The Friends extend thanks to everyone who helped support The Fells this year.

*Maggie Stier, Executive Director  
Friends of John Hay National Wildlife Refuge*

*The Fells*





## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

In 1999, Director Barry Caravan, one of the original co-founders who brought new initiatives and positive energy to Parks & Rec., stepped down. For the last several years Barry has prepared budgets and recreation agendas, as well as individually coordinating and producing the popular summertime band concerts that have become a highlight for Newbury residents and visitors. In addition, Barry's commitment to area youth was evidenced in his coordination and production of teen dances. His dedication will be greatly missed.

Parks & Rec. once again conducted a successful Red Cross swim lesson program for swim levels 1-7 and a preschool water introduction session for 3-5 year-olds. Parks & Rec. earnestly promotes swim lessons because our children's summer activities often put them in, on, or near the water and it's important that they be strong swimmers. Lessons cost \$20 and sign-up forms will be available early next summer at the Town Office.

Newbury children join with Bradford and Sutton children for organized team sports, specifically baseball and soccer. For years, Newbury has contributed \$3,500 to this organization.

This year Sutton has contributed funds and was formally included into the entity which now goes by the name Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports. For the first time, Newbury has surpassed Bradford in the number of children playing baseball. The demographics break down as follows:

Baseball: Newbury (62); Bradford (50); Sutton (6); Warner (1)

Soccer: Newbury (74); Bradford (74); Sutton (37)

The summer concert series at Newbury Harbor is growing in popularity each year. Many local businesses have supported the series and calls have come in from out-of-town sponsors asking about involvement next year. Sponsors in 1999 included Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport Shop, Jim Tinker Enterprises, Newbury Harbor Restaurant, Bob's Beacon Marina, The Lumber Barn, Precision Energy Management, Lake Station Realty, Lyons Family Nursery, Dickie's Outdoor Shop, and Bob Skinner Ski Shop. We thank them for their generous contributions.



Our area youth were treated last summer to a series of mountain bike trail rides organized by Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport Shop. These well-attended events were informal and instructional, aimed at demonstrating to the young riders safe trail-riding techniques and group riding etiquette. Parks & Rec. hopes to work with Outspokin' again this summer to develop this series further. We have an abundance of excellent mountain bike trails in Newbury and look forward to working with those interested in improving riding enjoyment and safety. Watch for publicity notices next spring.

Parks & Rec. also hosted three teen dances over the summer and will be focusing on ways to make these events more attractive this year to boost attendance. We know there is interest from the teens, but the formula for success is elusive when it comes to satisfying this age. We intend to keep trying.

In the summer of 2000, Parks & Rec. will be promoting a new initiative, the Newbury Regatta, planned to coincide with the annual Lake Sunapee Boat Parade and Lake Day. The Regatta would involve a canoe race starting from the Newbury Dock swimming area, around the point by Newbury Station Marina, up Bell Cove to a spot near the caboose, and then back to the start/finish line. We are exploring a variety of ways to promote the event, fund it, and tie it into concurrent activities in town. Some ideas include adding a post-race concert at the gazebo; have a Firemen's barbecue; have race categories for local businesses, adults, and youth; offer T-shirts and prizes; have a boating safety session; and do promotions with a local radio station with a possible live broadcast of the event. We will be working on this new project this spring and welcome suggestions from local businesses and the public as to how to best make it a success.

In summary, this has been a transition year for Parks & Rec. and we have high hopes for successful programs as we enter the new millennium. We are looking for interested residents to bring the team new ideas and enthusiasm. To get involved, please contact the Town Office.

*Harry Seidel*

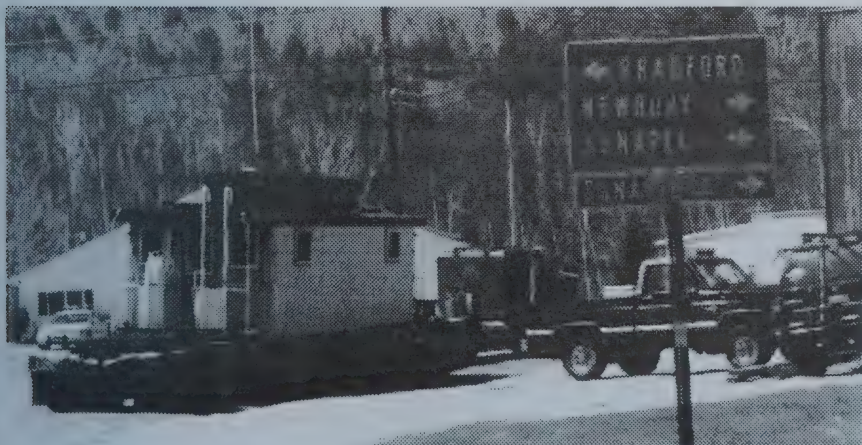
## SCENIC BYWAYS COMMITTEE

The Scenic Byways Committee was initiated in 1997 to come up with ideas to obtain and use grant money available from the Federal Highway Administration Scenic Byway Program. Project partners include the NH Department of Transportation, Office of State Planning's Scenic & Cultural Byways Program, the Lake Sunapee Scenic & Cultural Byway Committee, and Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Newbury was a good candidate, since Route 103 from Warner to Wendell had already been declared a scenic route. The Committee was charged with defining and developing a project that would preserve and revitalize the Bell Cove area at Newbury Harbor. The idea of locating a caboose at the site tied in with the town's history as a railroad stop on the Concord to Claremont line, and the idea was enthusiastically adopted by the Committee.

After months of searching and many site visits, the committee found a B&M caboose in Franklin. Last April it was transported via flatbed to its resting place on 40 feet of track which the town Highway Dept. laid along the edge of Lake Sunapee at Bell Cove. During the summer months, a station platform with ramp and stairs was constructed and extensive renovations were made to the caboose, including a fresh coat of paint and trim chosen by the Committee to match traditional B&M caboose colors. Additional funding from the grant covered repaving of the parking area with granite curbing and new sod and sidewalk around the caboose.

*Next stop- Newbury! (Photo by Mary Gutsell)*



The caboose was formally dedicated and opened for public viewing on October 30, 1999. As part of the refurbishing of the car, an extensive collection of donated and purchased railroad memorabilia has been put in place. Signal lights and lanterns, bells and whistles, brochures and timetables, clock, desk, and stove and many more articles will be on view when the caboose reopens to the public next spring.

The site is further enhanced by an illustrated interpretive sign placed near the caboose that gives visitors information about the site and the general area. This sign was provided by the Lake Sunapee Scenic and Cultural Byway Committee. The Newbury Committee is also working with this group in the design and production of an informational brochure describing the history and highlights of the Lake Sunapee Scenic and Cultural Byway.

Currently, the Committee continues to explore grant possibilities for additional funding to further preserve and enhance this historic area.

*Dennis Pavlicek*

Howard Bergeron  
Pauline Bergeron  
Alice Lynn  
Ron Williams  
Richard Wright

*Bell Cove Dedication - October 30, 1999 (Photo by Ed Candidus)*





**TOWN WARRANT**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**2000**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merri-  
mack in said state qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said  
Newbury on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14) day of March, next at One  
of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to existing zoning ordinances.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until  
Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbury Safety  
Services Building.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of  
\$1,624,814 for general operations:

	1999	2000
1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE .....	\$99,487	\$101,370
2. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION .....	1,950	5,340
3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION .....	59,732	61,009
4. LEGAL EXPENSE .....	12,000	12,000
5. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	124,100	133,075
6. PLANNING .....	10,214	10,205
7. ZONING .....	2,536	2,567
8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ...	23,464	23,868
9. CEMETERIES .....	11,271	13,371
10. INSURANCE .....	31,000	24,100
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS .....	2,549	2,841
12. TOWN REPORTS .....	3,700	4,200
13. POLICE DEPARTMENT .....	173,854	176,172



14. FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	46,380	46,388
15. FOREST FIRES .....	600	600
16. BUILDING INSPECTION .....	3,550	3,875
17. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ...	100	100
18. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.....	348,821	311,604
HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION .....	223,000	264,135
19. STREET LIGHTING .....	15,200	15,000
20. TRANSFER STATION .....	141,665	141,703
21. HEALTH AGENCIES, CAP .....	10,511	14,218
22. WELFARE .....	9,410	12,810
23. INFORMATION BOOTH .....	2,800	3,116
24. PARKS & RECREATION .....	18,945	20,075
25. LIBRARY .....	19,980	30,857
26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION .....	825	825
27. HISTORICAL SOCIETY .....	250	250
28. INTEREST-TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES .....	500	500
29. SEWER DEPARTMENT .....	53,346	53,803
30. BOND/NOTE PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ....	83,002	79,038
31. AMBULANCE DEDUCTIBLES .....	1,000	1,000
32. SAFETY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ...	19,613	19,756
33. CAPITAL OUTLAY .....	34,944	35,043
TOTALS .....	1,590,299	1,624,814

4. To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,000 for the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the selectmen).

FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .....	50,000
POLICE CRUISER .....	10,000
AMBULANCE .....	3,000
RECREATION FACILITY .....	5,000
REVALUATION .....	25,000

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

DOCKS .....	\$3,000
TOWN BUILDINGS .....	5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT .....	4,000

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to purchase a new All Wheel Drive Motor Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of \$175,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to furthermore appoint the selectmen as agents to expend and to dispose of the existing grader. (The total cost of the grader is \$195,000; the town will receive \$20,000 for the trade-in.) (Recommended by the selectmen.)

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,236 to purchase a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of \$22,236 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

9. Polling hours in the Town of Newbury are now seven a.m. to seven p.m. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that the polls shall open at eleven a.m. and close at eight p.m. for all regular state elections beginning the next state election after passage?

10. To see if the town will vote to retain ownership of a certain tract of land, Map/lot# 28-284-148. Said land not to be disposed of unless agreed upon at a future town meeting.

11. To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray legal expenditures incurred by the town with respect to issues arising out of the funding of education. ("Special Warrant Article") (Recommended by the selectmen.)

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of purchasing a computer system for the police department.
14. To see if the town will vote to accept Winding Brook Road (1.3 miles) of Mountainside at Newbury Association. Subject to approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By petition.)
15. To see if the town will vote to approve the Fishersfield Master Plan, dated February 8, 2000, prepared by the Fishersfield Land Use Committee; and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200 to seek wetlands board approval of the Fishersfield Master Plan.
16. To see if the town will vote to accept the 1300 feet of Blodgett Brook Road, located off Chalk Pond Road. Subject to the approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By petition.)
17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

*Newbury Board of Selectmen*  
*James M. Powell, Chairman*  
*David Kinsman*  
*William Syvertsen*

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Conservation Commission had another busy year. We reviewed 21 Intents to Cut, one Major Wetland application, four Minimum Impact Wetland applications, and eight Standard Dredge and Fill applications.

This year the Commission supervised another KRHS student intern. Andrea Starr studied the health of Reservoir Brook, where it flows into Lake Todd. She found several indicators that seem to point to the stream being in good health.

The Commission also formally instituted a set of By-laws. In addition, Clare Bensley and Bill Annable finished the revised and updated town trail maps. These will be available as soon as they are printed.

Last but certainly not least, the Commission is in the process of getting approval for an Environmental Consultant to conduct a Natural Resources Inventory for the Town of Newbury.

*Peter Newbern, Chairman*



## NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society held its annual meeting in July at the Center Meeting House. In addition to the usual business, the membership reelected incumbent director Barbara Steward and elected Nancy Marashio and Dennis Pavlicek as new directors for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Jack Noon of Sutton who spoke on "Cannon Shenanigans: Small Town Rivalries and the Old New Hampshire Tradition of 'Borrowing' Cannons."

Our membership now stands at 72, of which 30 are family members, and 42 are individual members. Among the individual members, 19 are lifetime members. The Treasurer reports that our working fund balance is now at \$3025.00. Our conservation and preservation fund continues to have a balance of \$1050.78. We have \$1900 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Last year we started a project to monitor the temperature and relative humidity in Sherman Hall where the Society's collection of books and papers is being stored. We finished the data collection phase late this year and are now analyzing it to determine what kind of equipment will be needed to control the environment in the vault. Constant temperature and relative humidity are important to preserving photographs, old papers, books, and the town records, some of which are more than two hundred years old.

Representatives of the Society went to Pine Rock Manor in Warner in June to present the Bicentennial Cane to Florence Bly Perkins, Newbury's oldest resident. Mrs. Perkins, a former member of the Society, was instrumental in having the current cane made when the old one was discovered to be missing in 1980.

Thanks to the efforts of Barbara Steward and Joe Cronin, the Society published two issues of its newsletter, the first since 1987. A two-page spring issue and a four-page fall issue went out to all the members. More newsletters are planned for next year. Essays related to Newbury history would be most welcome.

An oral history project was started this year. One old-time resident told of her experiences living near Lake Station in her youth. Nancy Marashio organized a group at the library to share experience and knowledge about the railroad that used to go through town.

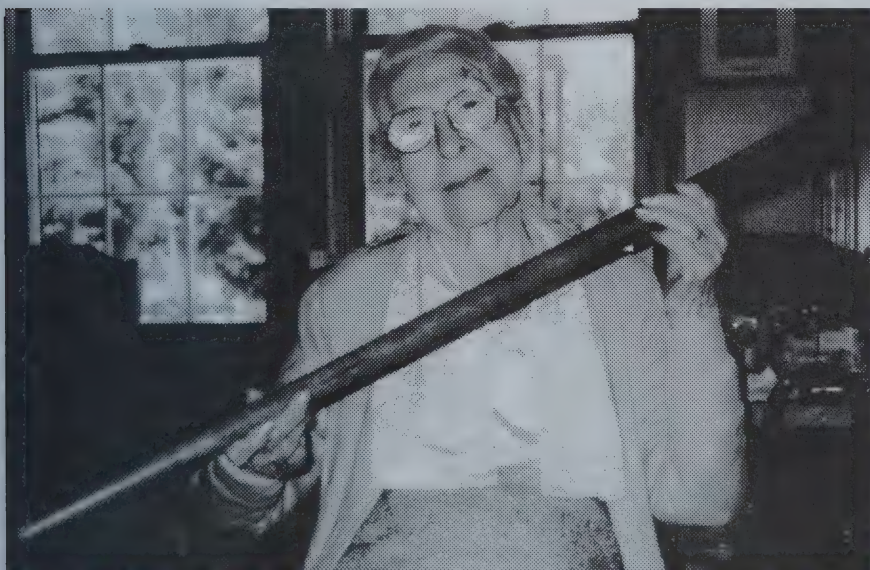
We are looking to the new year with optimism. We have an active group of directors and a number of new projects under way which will preserve the collection and help increase our understanding of Newbury history. The financial support we receive from our members is greatly appreciated and will help us to advance our projects to install new shelves and protect the collection.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury, which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

*William Weiler, President*  
*William Annable, Vice President*  
*Margaret Weiler, Treasurer*  
*Alice Lynn, Corresponding Secretary*

*Directors:*  
*Joseph Cronin*  
*Tracy Messer*  
*Barbara Steward*  
*Nancy Marashio*  
*Dennis Pavlicek*

*Florence Perkins receiving the Town of Newbury Bicentennial Cane.*



## **FISHERSFIELD LAND USE COMMITTEE**

The Fishersfield property, located opposite the Transfer Station on Old Post Road, was purchased by the town in 1998. The land is mostly rolling terrain of moderate to low slope in the front and changes to extreme slopes at the rear. There is one perennial stream, a few intermittent streams, and a small man-made pond. It hosts an abundance of wildlife including moose, deer, turkeys, ravens, woodpeckers, and many songbirds. The property was logged some years ago but even so there are many nice mature stands of trees. After its purchase, the Selectmen named a committee to study potential uses of the land. The committee recommended that the town contract for a boundary survey and delineation of soil types, wetlands, and other natural features.

At the 1999 Town Meeting the citizens voted to appropriate \$25,000 for this work. They also voted to allow clean-up of existing trails and the use of a small site on the parcel for composting of grass, leaves, and wood chips.

Bristol, Sweet & Associates won the bid to do the survey, and delivered their report last August. It describes the boundaries, soils and natural features of the property. We then learned that what we thought was a 92-acre parcel was in fact 94 acres! Their report included the boundary survey at 100' scale; the topography and soils plan at 100' scale; the Site Specific Soil Survey and Wetlands Report by Marceau Environmental Consultants; and additional test pit data.

Given the results of the professionals' work, the committee re-examined the Selectmen's list of potential uses and voted on their feasibility. Feasible and recommended uses include: a composting facility; various recreation uses; and a town forest. Uses that are either not feasible or not recommended include: source and storage of sand and gravel; highway garage; school site; and waste water treatment center. Finally, the following uses were deemed feasible, but either not practical or likely to interfere with other uses: gravity feed water supply; highway department storage; transfer station auxiliary use; and community center.

Bristol, Sweet not only did a tremendous amount of work preparing this site analysis, but also gifted some of the work to satisfy Newbury's budget restrictions and generously provided extra copies of the plan for our committee and members of the Conservation Commission. For those who are interested, copies are available from Harry Seidel.



Of particular interest is the report by David Marceau, the environmental consultant who detailed potential uses of the property. He found that it has many natural resources that can be managed and some (the Wetlands) that should be protected. On the other hand, the development of this land could satisfy some of the town's needs and there are adequate soils and topography in places "to allow ball fields, roads, buildings, parking lots, leach fields and other related facilities to be built." He stressed that access to the property, for whatever purpose, will have an impact on the types and habits of residential wildlife. Obviously, the use of the property should be low impact if we aim to preserve the natural resources and the wildlife associated with it.

The Bristol, Sweet report confirms that at this time there is no indication of endangered species in the Fishersfield area. However, Wetlands Board approval will be needed prior to improvement of the road and any development of recreation or town buildings. To meet future Wetlands Board requirements, the committee has developed an inclusive master plan documenting the impact of all our proposed development activities. To proceed further the plan will need to be upgraded to a Master Plan suitable for Wetlands Board review. For this, we will require town approval for funding of this project, to be put out for bid. Based on research and data collected by the Committee, the following uses and areas should be addressed in the Fishersfield Master Plan, allowing the town to pursue any of these options in the future, should they so wish:

- Establish a trail network from existing farm roads
- Locate a composting area (to sustain leach fields/service building if needed)
- Establish two areas for future athletic fields (the current entry area and the log landing)
- Relocate the entrance; rework access road; creation of parking areas
- Locate areas for toilet facilities and leach fields
- Locate an area for future tennis courts, adjacent basketball court, and parking
- Locate an area for future nature center, near the pond
- Layout of a suitable service road to pond area



The committee's task is very much a work in progress, subject to the will of the townspeople. We thank our members for their dedication and ask anyone who is interested in volunteering their ideas and energy to contact us.

*Co-chairs: Harry Seidel & Barry Caravan*  
*William Annable*  
*William Hurley*  
*Alex Azodi*  
*Jack Iacopino*  
*Mike Bascom*  
*Scott Knabb*  
*Dean Bensley*  
*Linda Powell*  
*Linda Champy*  
*Richard Wright*

*Lake Station & Turntable (near Davis Cabins)*



## **UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and practical information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from county and statewide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting, television and educational programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low-income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base through our local Advisory Council, Master Gardeners, Coverts Project, Family Focus parenting volunteers and 4-H leaders, and providing research-based information to citizens.

In January, UNH Cooperative Extension will open the new Family, Home & Garden Education Center located in Manchester. The center will have a toll-free InfoLine staffed by Master Gardeners. The InfoLine will handle questions and requests for information on a wide range of everyday issues concerning home horticulture, water quality, indoor and outdoor pests, indoor air quality, backyard livestock, recreational ponds, nutrition, food safety, family finances and youth development. For more information call 225-5505.

Community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects; land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, master gardeners, and working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas. We have a resource notebook in your town library.

Visit our office located at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen (right next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home). We're open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

## KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA), a non-profit volunteer-based organization, is now in its 7th year serving people 55 years and older in nine area towns: Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. KCOA's mission is to provide services and programs to enhance the health, well-being, dignity and independence of senior adults.

In January our office and Program Center moved from 12 Newport Road to the Baynham's Building at 180 Main Street, New London, offering more space and lodge-type atmosphere conducive to many new programs: "In Stitches" (crafts), Yoga, Bridge (contract and duplicate), Photography, and Arthritis Exercises. In addition, we continue our weekly Computer classes, Paint w/Peers, Quilting, Woodworking, Chair Exercises and Tai Chi.

Off-site programs continue to grow in popularity. Outdoor Recreation For Seniors (ORFS) meets every Tuesday for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Bus trips have become very popular. Eight day-long trips and one over-night trip were filled to capacity. Our library series, supported by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and held at the New London Tracy Library, was well attended. "Conversations with Lunch," in New London and Danbury, provide interesting speakers, great food and sociability.

*Two views of Newbury Cut  
(Photos from a calendar distributed by Common Sense Marketing)*





KCOA services continue to contribute to the quality of life and independence of members needing assistance. We offer Dial-A-Ride for transportation, Mr. Fix It for small home repairs, Friendly Visitor for companionship, Telephone Reassurance for daily support and Resource and Information service for community, county and state assistance. A free monthly newsletter, "The Courier," is sent to members to keep them informed of all activities and current information.

As 1999 draws to a close, Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. celebrates the success of another year. Our nine-community membership has grown to 1,630 people and our 334 caring volunteers provided assistance to 1,060 clients.

At a recent town meeting, Ann Ponder, president of Colby-Sawyer College, said, "Let's do more good than we have to do." Her quote captures the spirit of our volunteers. These dedicated people donate their time and talent serving the needs of the seniors in our communities. They truly are the heartbeat of our organization.

We are grateful for the continuing financial support from our area towns, donors to our annual fund drive, foundation grants, the sponsors of our newsletter and individual clients. We also appreciate the support given to our periodic fundraising events such as the SKIT production and our yard sale during 1999. Thank you for your generosity!

*Eleanor Goddard*  
*Chairman, Board of Directors*



## **COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES. INC.**

Over the past twenty-one years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs which meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

*Barbara Chellis, Area Director*

### **2000 KEARSARGE VALLEY AREA CENTER PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET**

**PERSONNEL:**

Area Center Director	\$ 23,186
Outreach Worker	7,920
(40 weeks at 22.5 hours)	
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	7,360
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	\$38,466

**OTHER COSTS:**

Program Travel 5,000 miles x .28	1,400
Rent	2,940
Telephone	1,400
Postage	270
Office/Copier/Computer/Supplies	1,000
Advertising	50
Staff Development	250
Publications/Subscriptions	215
Liability and Fire Insurance	375
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	7,900

**TOTAL BUDGET:** **\$ 46,366**

Federal Share:	10% - \$ 4,739
All Town Share:	90% - 41,627
Total:	100% - \$ 46,366

**Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 1999**

Service	Units Service	Households or Persons	Total Value
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**CONGREGATE MEALS:**

all elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/senior centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events.

Value \$5.99 per meal.	293 Meals	31 Persons	\$1,755.07
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**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES:**

provide up to three days of food for people facing temporary food crisis.

Value \$3.00 per meal.	200 Meals	20 Persons	\$600.00
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**FUEL ASSISTANCE:**

available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

The average benefit for the '98-'99 program was \$385.00.

11 Applications	39 Individuals	\$4,662.14
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**TRANSPORTATION:**

provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites.

Value \$4.69 per ridership.	90 Rides	7 Persons	\$422.10
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**MEALS-ON-WHEELS:**

provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week.

Value \$6.17 per meal.	531 Meals	18 Persons	\$3,276.27
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**NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR FUND:**

provides emergency energy assistance up to \$250 for those not eligible for fuel assistance. 3 Grants 3 Persons \$300.00

**WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:**

provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes cost of vouchers and clinical services at \$38.50 per unit. 78 Vouchers 7 Persons \$3,003.00

**USDA COMMODITY SURPLUS:**

foods are now distributed directly to local food pantries and kitchens on a quarterly basis. These pantries and soup kitchens service all in need, not just town residents. 24 Cases \$559.65

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE:**

was authorized due to the extreme heat this summer. A \$100 payment was made on eligible clients behalf to their electric companies. 5 Applications \$500.00

**GRAND TOTAL: \$15,078.23**

**INFORMATION AND REFERRAL:**

CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

## **NEW LONDON HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

It is the mission of New London Hospital and its affiliates to improve the health status of our communities through an integrated system of quality services delivered with compassion and respect. This mission is met largely through outreach, and has been since the hospital opened its doors in 1918 as a non-profit community hospital. This report reflects FY1999 and illustrates the many ways in which the hospital benefits the community, above and beyond its regular services. For more information, contact the community relations office at (603) 526-5270.

- Regular community health education programs on topics such as childbirth, prenatal exercise, CPR, smoking cessation, baby-sitting, first aid, diabetes and more.
- Special education programs for the community.
- Free, first-time mammograms for women 35 or older every October.
- Mammography fund for area women who cannot afford a mammogram.
- Community health fairs.
- Health screenings.
- Speaker's Bureau.
- Tours and other education for school groups.
- Job shadowing and other career-related opportunities for students.
- Teaching/internship site for college and vo-tech students.
- Teaching site for primary care medicine.
- Meeting room space for outside groups.
- Vaccines for public safety agencies.
- Free sports physicals.
- Infant Car Seat Loan Program.
- Ambulance services.
- Charity care.
- Partner in New Hampshire Healthy Kids program.
- Bicycle Safety Program.
- Coordination of Allies for Regional Community Health (ARCH).
- New Mothers Group.
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening.
- Participant in Maternal & Newborn Assessment Project.
- Cancer Support Group.

*Maureen A. McNamara, President and CEO*



## **LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATES**

Over the last decade health care delivery has evolved from a system where each component of care - physician, hospital, nursing home or home care - operated in its own world, often isolated from one another, to a highly integrated world where the skills of many providers and new technologies are organized around the needs of a specific patient. Health care organizations have struggled to meet the needs of all customers and remain innovative because of the stifling effects of government regulations and reduced reimbursement. We are entering an exciting era where we have tremendous opportunities to provide medical care to individuals and families due to advances in drug therapy and disease management and prevention, but we must do this in a way that cost-effectively demonstrates best practice and achieves quality outcomes.

Relationships are at the core of what will make us successful in the future: LSRVNA is affiliated with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care. These relationships help us access clinical expertise, purchase cost-effectively and provide a continuum of care. With Colby-Sawyer College, we provide clinical experiences for nursing students and our staff has access to laboratory facilities for education. Relationships with local schools, the Council on Aging and other community resources help us to respond to the needs of those for whom we provide care. This year we have implemented a Community Council with representation from the towns we serve. Your Community Council representative is Gerald Mayer. This group is an additional vehicle to bring us information about the health care needs of the community and to take information about our programs back to the community. Finally, and most importantly, we have wonderful relationships with people in the community.

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has invested heavily in technology and education over the past year. Technology allows us to collect critical information about patient outcomes and costs; and also allows us to bring clinical tools, such as very portable ECG machines, to your home that assist your physician in caring for you. As hospital stays become shorter, and more illnesses are treated on an outpatient basis, it is very important that our staff receives education in areas like intravenous therapy, cardiology, pain management and complex wound care.

Stewardship is a value taken seriously at LSRVNA. In addition to charity care provided each year by the organization, there are a number of other community benefits including:

- Bereavement support groups and home visits for adults and children

- Hospice volunteer training
- Medication assistance and preventive dental care for needy children
- Blood pressure and other screening clinics and health fairs
- Weekly Parent-Child Support Group
- Clinical experience for nursing and nursing assistant students
- Community education programs on CPR, First Aid, preventive health care, parenting and others
- Participation in local career days
- Meeting room space for outside groups
- Participation on state-wide health planning groups
- Vaccines at cost or free of charge for adults and children
- Storage and distribution of food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Christmas program for needy families
- Administration of the Lifeline personal response program
- Speaker's Bureau

During the past year, LSRVNA provided many services to residents of Newbury. Our Home Care program provided 859 visits to 23 individuals. Our Hospice program provided 322 visits to 4 residents. Lifeline Personal Response System service was provided for 2 residents. Our Long-term Care program provided 2303 hours of care for 14 residents. Immunizations, including flu vaccines, were provided for 197 residents. Maternal and Child Health services included well child and dental care for 18 children; newborn/postpartum care for 5 families; parent-child program support for 12 families; and after-school child care for 11 children.

More than 10 staff and volunteers residing in Newbury helped provide care and services for our patients and families or served on our Board of Trustees or Community Council. All of those people, and especially the patients and families we've served, are grateful for the continuing support of the Town of Newbury.

*Andrea Steel*  
*President and CEO*

## FAMILY SERVICES

In 1999 Newbury provided assistance to nine families.

The town has established a food pantry and has made food available to several families in the area. However, there are still many people who could use this assistance if they were aware of it. Please pass the word that this benefit is available.

Again this year community support has been overwhelming for those less fortunate. Many thanks to Pastor Bill Salt of the South Newbury Union Church and the Healing Spring Church for their joint effort in putting together the food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We distributed eleven baskets this year. A special thank you goes to the townspeople who donated towards goods to supplement those baskets.

We also received gifts from townspeople which made a little boy very happy on Christmas morning. I would like to thank all contributors for those generous donations.

If anyone has concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office. I look forward to another year of continued community support.

*Debra Johnson, Family Services Director*

*Todd Pond Causeway  
(From a calendar distributed by Common Sense Marketing)*





## **UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) respectfully requests \$1,293 for the Town's fiscal year 2001 membership dues. Our dues for New Hampshire communities are calculated using a rate of 96 cents per capita and are based on the 1990 population. In Newbury's case, the 1990 population was 1,347 people. Although the costs of running our office and maintaining a knowledgeable and experienced staff increase annually, our request for member dues contains no increase over last year's request.

As you know, the UVLSRPC is a voluntary association of communities. Our region currently includes 26 municipalities in New Hampshire and 3 communities in Vermont. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental, and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as the household hazardous waste collections, nomination of the Cold River to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources, and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the Region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and other nonprofit organizations. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1999, our work specifically for the Town of Newbury included:

- Provided circuit-riding planner assistance to the Planning Board which included assisting the Planning Board with processing current planning applications, and crafting and presenting major zoning amendments.
- Continued work with local groups in town to finalize list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.



- Organized two regional workshops on the National Flood Insurance Program for local officials responsible for implementing the program.
- Prepared an index of zoning standards and provisions for the NH communities in the region.
- Organized a household hazardous waste collection for Newbury residents.
- Developed a draft recreation overlay district for the Mt. Sunapee Resort area.
- Conducted traffic counts at the Town Landfill for Town Administrator.
- Met with Selectboard to discuss the community's planning needs.
- Commented on Mt. Sunapee Ski Area 1999-2000 Operating Plan.
- Provided map of Newbury to Arrow Map Company.
- In cooperation with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, began assisting the Kearsarge Regional School District with getting a better understanding of the migration factors affecting school-age student population projections, including development of student entry and exit forms for use in collecting information about students entering or leaving the district.

Our Commission appreciates Newbury's participation and support, and we look forward to serving the community in the coming year.

## **TOWN OF NEWBURY**

### **Town Meeting - March 9, 1999**

Moderator Marashio called the March 9, 1999 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Voting on Articles 1 through 3 began in ballot form.

### **Business Meeting - March 10, 1999**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked anyone who is a registered voter to check in with the ballot clerks at the front of the room to pick up a voter's card. She explained that if any voter disagrees with the Moderator's decision, it is the right of the voters to overrule the moderator by majority vote. Moderator Marashio announced that she will not allow reconsideration of any vote after the final count on each article. Moderator Marashio read the voting results from March 9, 1999 as follows:

#### **Office of Selectman - 3 Years**

James M. Powell - 179

#### **Treasurer- 3 Years**

Debra W. Sias - 279

#### **Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years**

Daniel H. Wolf - 253

#### **Library Trustee - 3 Years**

Beverly R. Wolf- 260

#### **Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Years**

Lane Bellman - 12 (write-in)

#### **Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years**

William Annable - 1 (write-in)

#### **Planning Board Member - 3 Years**

Barbara Freeman - 238

William Weiler- 10 (write-in)

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Member - 3 Years**

Scott Knabb - 191

Elizabeth "Betsy" Soper - 207

#### **Bingo and Lucky 7**

Yes- 141

No - 66

#### **Zoning Amendment No. 1**

Yes - 227

No - 60

**Zoning Amendment No. 2**

Yes - 206

No - 75

**Zoning Amendment No. 3**

Yes - 218

No - 63

**Zoning Amendment No. 4**

Yes - 233

No - 46

**Zoning Amendment No. 5**

Yes - 224

No - 55

**Zoning Amendment No. 6**

Yes - 222

No - 53

**Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot - Newbury Results**

The numbers in parentheses represent the school district results.

**Moderator- 1 year**

Steve Winter- 16 (write-in)

Alf Jacobson - 9 (write-in)

**Article No. 1**

A - 54 (520)

B - 89 (986)

C - 137 (1402)

**Article No. 2**

Yes - 196 (2070)

No - 95 (937)

**Article No. 3**

Yes - 160 (1567)

No - 135 (1455)

**Article No. 4**

Yes - 213 (2040)

No - 84 (994)

**Article No. 5**

Yes - 182 (1806)

No - 114 (1209)

**Article No. 6**

Yes - 106 (1137)

No - 185 (1862)

**Article No. 7**

Yes - 127 (1784)

No - 170 (1223)

**Article No. 8**

Yes - 183 (1904)

No - 112 (1089)

**Article No. 9**

Yes - 164 (1655)

No - 130 (1355)

Steven Winter thanked the voters of the Town of Newbury for their support on the Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot. Although he did not prevail district wide, he did prevail in his home town. Mr. Winter expressed his confidence in Mr. Jacobson as the new Moderator for the School District.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,590,299 for general operations:

	1998	1999
1. Executive Office	\$92,434	\$99,487
2. Election and Registration	5,582	1,950
3. Financial Administration	56,825	59,732
4. Legal Expense	12,000	12,000
5. Personnel Administration	127,096	124,100
6. Planning	9,461	10,214
7. Zoning	2,506	2,536
8. General Government Buildings	21,148	23,464
9. Cemeteries	10,771	11,271
10. Insurance	31,000	31,000
11. Regional Associations	1,253	2,549
12. Town Reports	3,700	3,700
13. Police Department	164,297	173,854
14. Fire Department	42,104	46,380
15. Forest Fires	600	600
16. Building Inspection	3,550	3,550
17. Office of Emergency Management	100	100
18. Highway Maintenance	329,192	348,821
Highway Reconstruction	178,100	223,000



19. Street Lighting	15,630	15,200
20. Transfer Station	114,885	141,665
21. Health Agencies, CAP	10,341	10,511
22. Welfare	7,650	9,410
23. Information Booth	2,800	2,800
24. Parks & Recreation	18,025	18,945
25. Library	18,440	19,980
26. Conservation Commission	825	825
27. Historical Society	250	250
28. Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	500	500
29. Sewer Department	52,097	53,346
30. Bond/Note Principal & Interest	72,415	83,002
31. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
32. Safety Communication Services	14,294	19,613
33. Capital Outlay	43,000	34,944
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,463,871</b>	<b>1,590,299</b>

Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Jim Myles commented that he noticed that the budget seems to be going up by 9% to 10% each year, and the background numbers do not seem to be available. There seems to be a large lack of detail in this article. Additionally, when looking at the detail of reports in the Town Report, the numbers on page 43 of total appropriations do not blend with the warrant.

Selectman Powell explained that some of the confusion in the annual report is caused by the required forms of the Department of Revenue for setting tax rates. The warrant gives information in a more understandable form. It would be very cumbersome to itemize out in the Town Report each dollar. All the details are public information and are available for review at the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Powell also explained that there was an average 3% increase in total salaries. Some salaries increased 2%, some increased 4%, depending upon work performance.

Mr. Myles asked what the salary caps are for each position. Three percent of a large salary is much more than the 3% a person on social security may receive. Selectman Powell explained that there are no salary caps. The salaries of the Town of Newbury are decided based upon comparison to neighboring towns and studies performed by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

David Friedline asked what the major issues are that are responsible for the increase in Article 4.

Jim Valiquet, Chief of Police, explained that the increase in line 13 is due to an increase of 6 hours per week for the Administrative Assistant and increases in costs from vendors and service providers to all Police Departments.

John Brooks asked how many officers there are on the Newbury Police Department and if Chief Valiquet thought that six additional hours would be enough to take care of all of the necessary paperwork.

Chief Valiquet informed Mr. Brooks that there are a total of seven sworn officers. These officers are scheduled for one officer per shift to cover 16 hours each day. The remaining eight hours through the night are covered by an on-call officer who is paid minimum wage for the on-call time. Hopefully, the additional six hours allotted for the Administrative Assistant will be enough to get the work done and keep the current position filled. The last two Administrative Assistants left their positions due to the lack of hourly pay and benefits.

Mr. Brooks asked if the budgeted \$173,854 will be able to provide the required equipment for each officer.

Chief Valiquet said yes. It will also include one more side arm, which will eliminate the need for the Chief to carry his own personal weapon. Bullet-resistant vests have a shelf life. Therefore, there have been two bullet-proof vests planned for purchase this year and hope fully we will be able to purchase two more next year, budget permitting.

Mr. Brooks commented that there is an RSA that requires the Town to provide safety vests for all police officers. Safety vests should not be a question.

Dick Wright expressed concern for the high turnover rate within the Newbury Police Department. He noted that we don't seem to be able to keep our officers. It is an injustice to the Town to keep training and purchasing new equipment for officers and then losing them. Mr. Wright asked for a study committee to be assigned to assess why we are losing our officers in order to rectify the situation. Perhaps we need to offer a better salary and benefit package.

Mr. Myles asked Chief Valiquet why there is a larger increase this year than last year.

Chief Valiquet explained that last year the Police Department remained short handed in order to offset another department. We actually underspent in 1998. Hopefully we can catch up this year with the things that we skimmed on last year. The vehicles have been run for seven years which is a long time for a police vehicle.

Mr. Brooks commented that the New Hampshire Municipal Association recommends that each police cruiser be taken out of service between 80,000 and 100,000 miles.

Charles Rayner asked what the minimum and maximum pay rates in the Police Department are. Chief Valiquet explained that a part-time officer is paid \$8.25/hr, full-time officers are paid between \$20,000 - \$24,000 per year depending on time and grade. The Chief is paid \$41,000 per year.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the biggest increase in line 18 is for bridge repair. Bridge repair cannot be put off. Last year Cheney Road was closed for through traffic until bridge repair was complete due to an unsafe structure. Road reconstruction is moving along as asked by the townspeople. This year we plan to pave Bay Point Road and grind Bowles Road in preparation for paving in 2000.

Beverly Wolf asked if the budget includes paving at the Town Office Building.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, said yes. It is included in the General Government Buildings.

Selectman Powell explained that the Transfer Station has seen an increase in activity which compounds the costs. The increased volume combined with the increased costs of hauling trash away has our hands tied in terms of cutting the budget there. We were notified in January that the costs are increasing from \$53.00/ton to \$80.00/ton. There is a committee in place, led by Dan Wolf and Henry Thomas, to keep the Board of Selectmen informed on the necessary studies.

Dan Wolf commented that recycling is going to be crucial in the near future. We are looking into charging fees on demolition material and stoves and refrigerators.

Mr. Winter asked why the town is not recycling glass.

Selectman Powell explained that we are not making any money on it. It is difficult to find places to take glass for recycling. We are currently grinding glass and intend to use it for fill. Glass can be left inside the building in a hopper on the right-hand side.

Bill Gall expressed concern that there seems to be no real outlay from year to year in terms of requirements or a plan regarding what needs to be done, and what is backlog.

Selectman Powell explained that the Board of Selectmen works with the department heads and budget committee throughout the year to try to get caught up and keep up with requirements. We do not want to overspend, but we do want to maintain safety and services. So, we work on the backlog while trying to also keep up on a day-to-day basis.

Ron Waitkus asked if there is any type of a long-term plan in place.

Selectman Powell explained that there is a preliminary five-year plan on page 53 of the Town Report for the roads. We will need to come back each year for money to carry the plan out. We are calling it preliminary because it is only tentative because we cannot foresee emergency situations. We will probably come back next year with a Capital Improvements Plan for roads in order to fund a five-year plan.

Josh Perkins recognized a 10% to 25% increase in the Fire Department and Highway Department each year and asked when the budget is expected to level out.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, explained that the Fire Department is trying to run level if possible. In 1998, the Fire Department underspent because it did not have time to carry all projects out. Therefore it asked for these funds again in 1999. Medical equipment and building maintenance are a priority this year and need to be addressed before we run into some major expenses. We only ask for money when we need it. There is no set standard of increase or decrease.

Mr. Prussman explained that the Highway Department is working on a Capital Improvements Plan. There has been no money spent on bridge repair, and we are also trying to address complaints regarding dust control.

Selectman Powell commented that the voters also need to consider the revenues. The Board of Selectmen is anticipating no change in the town tax rate. Although we see an increase in expenditures, there are also increases in revenues.

Chief Valiquet commented that for many years the residents have been asking for the highway department to fix the bumpy roads. Now that they are asking for the money to do it, we should not be complaining.

VOTE on ARTICLE 4. Majority in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.

Article 5: To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded. No discussion followed.

VOTE on ARTICLE 5: All in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 for the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Fire Department .....	\$ 10,000
Highway Department .....	50,000
Police Cruiser .....	10,000



Ambulance .....	3,000
Recreation Facility .....	5,000
Revaluation .....	10,000

Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell commented that these are the same amounts that were recommended last year.

VOTE on ARTICLE 6: All in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19 - a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Docks .....	\$ 1,000
Town Buildings .....	5,000
Town Office Equipment.....	3,000

Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell commented that these are the same amounts that were recommended last year. The town is now completely compliant for the Year 2000 and as long as our venders are o.k., we will be, too.

VOTE on ARTICLE 7: All in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to purchase a new fire truck pumper and to authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Chief Thomas explained that back in 1988, the Fire Department purchased a fire truck and has tried to be on a 10-year plan. There is a one-bay fire station in Blodgett Landing for emergency response. It is important to maintain a fire truck in Blodgett Landing due to the building density. Part of this proposal is to take the 1988 vehicle from the Newbury Center Fire Station and house it in the Blodgett Landing Station, thereby creating the space for the new pumper in the Newbury Center Fire Station.

Chief Thomas explained the attributes of the proposed fire truck. It will be able to pump 50% more gallons per minute and hold 50% more water than the current truck. It will also give the firefighters the ability to mix foam with water from a 30-gallon foam tank to facilitate in fighting fires. There have been some modifications in design regarding door hinges and ladder storage for safety reasons.

Mr. Myles asked how many bids were sought for the purchase of this truck.

Chief Thomas commented that it will be going out for two bids prior to purchase.

Brenda Digilio asked what the cost is and whether the fire department will be selling the truck currently housed at the Blodgett Landing Station.

Chief Thomas explained that the existing truck in Blodgett Landing will be sold, probably at State Auction or by sealed bid, to offset the cost of the new truck. We only need \$200,000. There is \$227,000 in the reserve account that we are asking to tap into. We have been putting money away each year and will continue to do so for the future. This article will not be creating a steep impact on the tax rate. If it is not spent on a truck, it will remain in the account.

VOTE on ARTICLE 8: All in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for a waste oil heater and two (2) new bay doors for the highway garage.

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Winter asked why this is a separate warrant article and not included in the Town Buildings line item.

Selectman Powell explained that the Board of Selectmen feels that this building needs a complete overhaul and permanent recommendation from a study committee. But, short-term it needs two doors and a furnace. The doors to be replaced are no longer able to be repaired. The furnace will replace the existing furnace which has an efficiency of below 50%. The new furnace will be a waste oil burning furnace and will be able to be moved to another building if necessary in the future.

VOTE on ARTICLE 9: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for a new garage at the Blodgett sewer treatment plant and to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the December 31, 1998 Blodgett special revenue fund undesignated fund balance for this purpose. No tax monies will be needed for this purpose.

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Kinsman explained that there is currently a single-stall garage at the sewer plant. There is not enough space for storage of machinery, nor space enough to work on the machinery. This will also provide space for an office to maintain the equipment for testing that needs to be done on a regular basis.

Mr. Perkins asked if this building is going out to bid, and will it be metal siding, so it will not require regular maintenance.

Selectman Kinsman explained that the Board of Selectmen only has preliminary prices and has not put the project out to bid at this time. We will base our purchase decision on where we can get the best building for the best price. The siding will be considered in the building specifications.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that this will be financed through the user fees of the Blodgett Landing Sewer. There will be no effect on the tax rate.

Mr. Winter asked what the proposed size of the building would be.

Selectman Kinsman said 24' x 36'.

VOTE on ARTICLE 10: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,200 for paving at the Transfer Station.

Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Henry Thomas, Transfer Station Committee Member, explained that the Transfer Station Committee has been trying to address concerns regarding the flow of traffic. The proposed solution is to pave the area around the easterly side of the building and paint the asphalt with lines to clarify the intended flow of traffic. This will also help to avoid a mud problem during the wet weather.

Mr. Waitkus asked if there is any future space for a second dumpster and increased utility lines and culverts. Mr. Waitkus stepped up to the diagram of the transfer station to illustrate his objective to the voters.

Mr. Thomas commented that there will be culverts placed for future uses, and the power will be taken from the existing lines. The committee tried to address the traffic flow issue while also leaving gravel for growth so we don't waste the asphalt by having to rip it up for a later plan. This is the minimum area we do not think we will have to move again.

Scott Knabb commented that he has noticed a lot of non-residents using the Newbury Transfer Station. Keeping the non-residents out will certainly keep the costs down. Additionally, painting the building ought to be a priority instead of paving. We should maintain what we have now before we have to replace it due to neglect before we start putting more money into other things.

Mr. Thomas commented that the Committee was considering suggesting new dump stickers to be maintained and controlled, enforcement of stickers, and possibly fees that are associated with garbage removal. It is in the budget to stain the building this year. The agency that paints and stains through the State of N.H. could not fit us in last year. We are currently on schedule for this spring.

Mr. Wright commented that we need the paving to offset the mud.

Mr. Myles asked if there have been any studies done to determine how long this site will be able to handle the transfer needs of the growing population. Has there been any consideration of a new site?

Mr. Thomas explained that we are trying to make this location and facility adequate to maintain its use for the foreseeable future. We need the capacity to move the hopper if it becomes full without having to wait for a truck to come and haul it away. That is our largest growth issue at the present time.

Mr. Myles asked if the town envisions using any of the land across Old Post Road for Transfer Station expansion.

Dan Wolf, Transfer Station Committee Member, commented that there is no projected need to expand the transfer facility. Most everything is hauled away. The committee has determined that for the existing uses, there is no need to expand.

Tanya McIntire commented that it seems that since the transfer station has changed, the traffic has become a problem. People usually unload their trash first, then the recyclables. She asked for consideration of the option of directing traffic to facilitate unloading trash before recyclables. Perhaps then the traffic would not jam up.

VOTE on ARTICLE 11: Majority in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.



Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for engineering studies, surveys, and analysis of the Fishersfield parcel and to develop trails and appropriate parking.

Motion to adopt Article 12 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Harry Seidel, Co-Chair of the Fishersfield Land Use Committee, explained that in 1998 the Town voted to purchase 90+/- acres across from the Transfer Station. The Fishersfield Land Use Committee was designated to provide the townspeople with the best alternatives for use of the land, upon which time the townspeople will decide the ultimate use. Page 58 of the Town Report explains what the FLU Committee has done up to this point in time. We have not gotten to the point of recommending a land use since it has been determined that the land needs to be professionally evaluated. The FLU Committee is concerned with safeguarding natural resources, a boundary survey needs to be performed, and contours and soil types need to be mapped. Two quotes have been received from local engineers, Bristol Sweet & Associates and Jesseman Associates. Both are interested and think that \$25,000 should be enough money to establish the necessary evaluation(s) to begin assessing the best use of the land.

Al Bachelder asked if the \$25,000 includes the development of athletic fields.

Mr. Seidel said no, the \$25,000 is just to assemble the information necessary to then create a plan for development of any intended purpose.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to amend Article 12 to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for engineering studies, surveys, and analysis of the Fishersfield parcel.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf commented that the committee has done well, but he is concerned that if trails and parking areas are developed, the remaining storm damage would box in the town.

Mr. Knabb commented that there are existing logging roads that are difficult to locate due to the storm damage. The area needs to be cleaned out.

Mr. Seidel commented that the initial intent was to provide a way that the people of the town could get in there and enjoy the land. Clean up of storm damage would satisfy the trail issue. We do not want to create a parking lot, just provide an area for cars to park on the earth. This is only an initial attempt for people to use the land in a light capacity; it will not disrupt the analysis. Mr. Seidel commented that he is in favor of Mr. Wolf's amendment.

VOTE on AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 12: Majority in favor. Article 12 was amended as read. Discussion on Article 12 as amended followed.

Mr. Perkins asked why the analysis wasn't done prior to the purchase.

Selectman Powell explained that the Board of Selectmen were provided with maps and a description of the land and did not think that a land analysis was necessary for the purchase of the land.

Barbara Freeman asked how the townspeople will know what the land is best suited for.

Mr. Seidel explained that the detailed analysis will not include proposed uses. The firm will be working with the Board of Selectmen and the FLU Committee. Some broad uses may be agreed upon, but nothing in detail.

Wayne Seaholm commented that he thought that the town voted to purchase the property for the use of recreation fields. Additionally, there were granite corner bounds in place. Does this survey need to be done for the creation of athletic fields?

Mr. Seidel explained that last year the town did not decide to use the land only for recreation. The townspeople only decided to purchase it and the use will be decided at a later Town Meeting. There are some bounds set, but when we are considering wetlands and contours, we run into a situation that needs a base map that is accurate so that we don't start developing in an area and run short due to the proximity of a wet area. We also need to be sure that we are in compliance with State regulations.

Mr. Winter asked if the FLU Committee has any future plans for the Fishersfield land.

Mr. Seidel explained that four to five years ago a subcommittee was formed to research a recreational area for the construction of recreation fields. The Newbury children have to go to Bradford to use recreation fields which are often used by organized sports groups. The committee felt that this site would be a good site for recreation and athletic fields. The Board of Selectmen has asked the FLU Committee to consider a selection of uses for this land consisting in part of fields, transfer station uses and highway department uses. Recreation and other uses may require a septic system and a water source, therefore a land analysis is necessary for layout. We need to assemble the facts so we can make educated suggestions.

Mr. Bachelder commented that it seems that athletic fields would be the most difficult to site due to the open space they require. The other proposed uses would be easier to place in other areas. After the \$25,000, we still do not know if there will be room to construct athletic fields. What would it take to amend this article so that we know next year if and where an athletic field could be built? How much more money will be needed?

Mr. Seidel commented that it is too soon to answer those questions.

We have a drawing with fields and other uses, but we do not know if we could place those uses in those areas due to the soils. We still need to assemble the facts of what is up there in order to know what needs to be done to design field(s) or other uses.

Vince Iacopino commented that he does not see how the town can afford to own a piece of property without knowing where its boundaries are for reasons of liability issues. Additionally, the town may need to place restrictions of use based upon those boundaries.

Barry Caravan, Co-Chair of the FLU Committee, reiterated that the Committee cannot determine what the land can be used for until the factual information has been assembled.

Bill Annable commented that the money for the survey and soils testing could provide a scaled drawing that would be used as a basis for the designs of where the fields, if any, can be developed.

VOTE on ARTICLE 12 AS AMENDED: Majority in favor. Article 12 was adopted as amended.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to use a small site of the Fishersfield parcel for composting of grass, leaves and wood chips.

Motion to adopt Article 13 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Seidel explained that Article 13 comes in response to a request from the Transfer Station Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The town will not be able to burn grass clippings and leaves in the future. Therefore, they need a small parcel of land for composting. This proposal would be at the discretion of the engineers as to where the best place would be.

Alex Azodi asked if this request is to cover permanent use.

Mr. Seidel said yes. It would be permanent, but it could be relocated if necessary.

Mr. Caravan commented that it can also be moved within the property. It can be used for the development of the property or by the town residents.

Ms. Freeman asked why the land at the Transfer Station can't be used for composting.

Mr. Thomas explained that the Transfer Station Committee thought that it would be easier to use the open area across the road instead of areas where future well and septic systems may be needed. We need to finalize the back of the Transfer Station first.

Mr. Iacopino commented that 'permanent' means until the town votes it out. For clarification, if the town residents want to move that area in the future, they may.

Mary Marzelli asked if the residents will have to dump their own compost materials and will there be any policing to make sure nobody abuses the composting process by dumping the wrong type(s) of materials.

Selectman Powell explained that the details have not yet been worked out.

Katheryn Holmes asked if the composting site would be located after the analysis is complete.

Mr. Seidel explained that it is his understanding that the Board of Selectmen would use their discretion to find a site. That would happen some time before the engineering studies would be finished. If it has to be moved, it will be easy to do so.

Ms. Digilio asked if there are going to be added costs for a driveway to access the compost pile, and why can't some of the empty bins at the transfer station be used for composting.

Selectman Powell commented that there is no intent to build any roads. It will have low usage. Not everyone in town will need to use the composting pile, only those that do not have an area to place their grass clippings.

Mr. Wright commented that he did not think that the town is allowed to use the current transfer station for composting because it is a landfill, and the State will not allow it.

Mr. Myles commented that it sounds as though the Fishersfield land is becoming an adjunct to the dump.

Ms. Wolf commented that in light of the fact that compost piles need to be worked and turned periodically, how is that going to be handled and by whom? How will we make sure that inappropriate matter will not be added?



Mr. Bachelder expressed concern that we are going ahead without knowing what is going to be necessary for athletic fields. He asked for an amendment to this article which would ensure that the composting site will be removed if future studies indicate that it interferes with the preferred location of recreational fields or proper access to them.

Motion was made and seconded to pass over this amendment and pass over this article. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf commented that the committee did not talk about this. He felt the studies should be completed before we do anything.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that if there is to be a clean-up of the storm damage and logging debris, then we will need a place to put the debris. Already, we have turned people away from the existing transfer station site with grass clippings and leaves. State requirements are becoming more strict. We have a competent committee that will oversee the process.

Mr. Thomas commented that, as a commissioner of the transfer station, it was suggested that this type of product be placed across the street. We are going to need to put clean fill in the old site to construct a septic system. The old burn area will be for only brush and wood. We can no longer burn grass and leaves, per State of N.H.

Ms. Freeman commented that if we have a problem with spontaneous combustion in an open area, the dangers are greater in a wooded area. There should be a permanent space for composting someplace on the transfer station site.

Mike Bascom explained that the fire at the dump was not a result of spontaneous combustion, but was due to hot debris being stirred around too soon.

Selectman Powell asked for the townspeople to vote either yes or no on this article, not pass it over. Otherwise, the Board of Selectmen are in limbo and have no direction.

Mr. Myles commented that the town should not vote to have the composting pile on the Fishersfield land until the analysis is done. People sometimes put fertilizer on grass which could leach into the ground which would be dangerous for nearby wetlands.

Connie Beal asked if the volume is that great to make the composting pile an issue now, and is there enough manpower from the transfer station to handle it.

Selectman Powell answered yes to both questions.

Dean Bensley called the question. 2/3 affirmative vote to call the question is needed before the question can be called.

VOTE to CALL THE QUESTION: More than 2/3 in favor. Question is called.

VOTE on MOTION TO PASS OVER Article 13: Majority against. Article 13 will not be passed over.

Mr. Bachelder made a motion to amend Article 13 to read: To see if the town will vote to use a small site on the Fishersfield parcel for composting of grass, leaves and wood chips. This site will be moved if future studies indicate it interferes with the preferred location of recreational fields or access to them.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bensley called the question. 2/3 affirmative vote to call the question is needed before the question can be called.

VOTE to CALL THE QUESTION: More than 2/3 in favor. Question is called.

VOTE on AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13: Majority in favor. Article 13 was amended as read.

Mr. Bensley called the question. 2/3 affirmative vote to call the question is needed before the question can be called.

VOTE to CALL THE QUESTION: More than 2/3 in favor. Question is called.

VOTE on ARTICLE 13 AS AMENDED. Majority in favor with a 50 yea, 38 nay vote. Article 13 passed as amended.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to approve temporary, low-impact uses for the Fishersfield parcel (such as storage of town supplies) to be determined at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Motion to adopt Article 14 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that the Board of Selectmen does not have a potential current use in mind at this time. We just don't want to have our hands tied without being able to use the land on a temporary basis if we have to before next year's town meeting.

Mr. Bachelder commented that he does not object to a temporary use, but he has some concerns regarding the commitment. He indicated desire to add the same amendment to this article as the last article.

Mr. Bachelder made a motion to amend Article 14 to read: To see if the town will vote to approve temporary, low-impact uses of the Fishersfield parcel (such as storage of town supplies), to be determined at the discretion of the selectmen. This site will be moved if future studies indicate it interferes with the preferred location of recreational fields or access to them.

Motion was seconded. No discussion followed.

VOTE on AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14: Majority in favor. Article 14 was amended as read. Discussion followed on Article 14 as amended.

Mr. Seidel commented that this article is not endorsed by the FLU Committee and is contrary to the aim of analyzing the property before using the site. Also, once something is started, it is hard to undo it. We should be patient and wait for the studies.

Ms. Marzelli commented that she was in agreement with Mr. Seidel due to the uncertainty of what the uses might be. If there is a need to use this property it should be brought to the townspeople.

Katheryn Holmes commented that she agrees with Ms. Marzelli. This article is not in the spirit of the FLU Committee's objectives.

Ms. Beal commended Mr. Bachelder's attempt to protect the area; however, she did not think it was enough and urged the townspeople to vote no to Article 14 as amended.

VOTE on ARTICLE 14: Majority against. Article 14 failed.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to quitclaim deed any interest the town may have in Old Bay Point Road, off Route 103 at the traffic circle to where it ends at the State property line, to Henry and Faye Carnevale for the sum of \$1.

Motion to adopt Article 15 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that last year there was a similar article on the warrant that was not worded well, and therefore failed. It is the request of both property owners, the Carnevaless and the State of N.H., for the town to abandon the road with a deed for the full expanse of the road to be turned over to the Carnevaless.

Fay Carnevale commented that this is a win-win situation for both parties. The town would no longer have to maintain (plow, sand & cold patch) the road, and it would make her lot a conforming lot. It also gives her the ability to maintain the road as necessary for access to her businesses.

Bill Weiler commented that it was his understanding that at a Site Plan Review hearing with the Planning Board, this land was to be taken over by the Carnevaless to meet the appropriate setbacks for the business.

VOTE on ARTICLE 15: Majority in favor. Article 15 was adopted as read.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to help defray the cost of local attendance at kindergartens (other than Bradford-Newbury kindergarten).

Motion to adopt Article 16 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that in July of 1998 the Board of Selectmen sent letters out to six local kindergartens and received back a head count as to how many Newbury children attended each kindergarten. We would like to help these kindergartens in defraying tuition costs to Newbury children, as we already do for Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten children.

Jack Iacopino asked what these kindergartens would do with the money and how it benefits Newbury students.

Selectman Syvertsen explained that the Bradford-Newbury kindergarten is the lowest-cost kindergarten due to fund-raising and subsidizing. Therefore it would help defray the costs of tuition at the other kindergartens to Newbury students. If the parent(s) of a child ask the town of Newbury for help with the tuition, the town will help subsidize only the Newbury student. This funding will not be based upon income. All Newbury students are eligible.

Virginia Kennedy asked if the Newbury-Bradford school is filled, or can they take more.

Selectman Syvertsen said that it is a matter of choice where the child goes. Most people choose the school that is closest to their home.

Ms. Marzelli commented that the wording of the article is confusing. It sounds as though each school will be getting the funding whether or not there are Newbury students attending.

Selectman Syvertsen further explained that the funding will be set up as a scholarship for Newbury students only, and the amount paid will depend on Newbury enrollment. We will be contacting the schools to see who and how many Newbury students will be attending there and \$500.00 per Newbury student will be available.

Question was moved. 2/3 vote in the affirmative is necessary to move the question.

VOTE on MOVING THE QUESTION: more than 2/3 in favor. Question was moved.

VOTE on ARTICLE 16: Majority in favor. Article 16 was adopted as read.



Article 17: To see if the town will vote to sell an easement consisting of a certain tract or parcel of land located on the west side of Bay Point Road, which abuts lots #3 and #4 on map entitled "Whitehorn Enterprises Subdivision, Phase I. Bay Point Road - Newbury, New Hampshire" recorded on April 18, 1972 in Merrimack County Registry of Deeds #2852. The certain tract or parcel is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point along the Westerly side of Bay Point Road, 56 feet in a southerly direction from an iron pin set in the ground marking the Southeast corner of Lot #5, thence 128.25 feet in a Southerly direction along Bay Point Road, thence 29.36 feet in a Westerly direction to an iron pin set in the ground, marking the Southeast corner of Lot #4, thence following the boundary line of Lot #4, in a Northerly direction to the point of beginning. The certain tract or parcel consists of approximately .04 acre. The buyer is Stephen A. Manzi, for the sum of \$250.00. (By petition.)

Motion to adopt Article 17 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Stephen Manzi explained that there is .04 acre that remains in limbo based upon a recent survey in conjunction with the legal description. Apparently, when the right of way was given for Bay Point Road, it extended wider than the road was built. The legal boundary of the lot only extends to the edge of the road right of way. The road, however, is not built in its deeded right of way, leaving this pie-shaped piece of land in limbo.

Carl Steinfield asked if it is an easement over land or the land itself that Mr. Manzi is seeking.

Mr. Weiler commented that according to the road history within the State records, the town was given a larger easement than it needed. Therefore this area remains unclaimed. Due to the parameters of subdivision and annexation regulations, the Planning Board cannot act upon it.

Selectman Powell commented that the Board of Selectmen supports this article.

Ms. Digilio asked if the Highway Department sees any future need for this land for maintenance activities.

Mr. Prussman said it is hard to say without making a site visit.

Mr. Iacopino commented that it appears that Mr. Manzi's intent is to own the land, not purchase an easement over the land.

Mr. Iacopino made a motion to amend Article 17 to read as follows: To see if the town will vote to quitclaim deed a certain tract or parcel of land located on the west side of Bay Point Road, which abuts lots #3 and #4 on a map entitled "Whitehorn Enterprises Subdivision. Phase I. Bay Point Road Newbury, New Hampshire" recorded on April 18, 1972 in Merrimack County Registry of Deeds #2852. The certain tract or parcel is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point along the Westerly side of Bay Point Road, 56 feet in a southerly direction, from an iron pin set in the ground marking the Southeast corner of lot #5, thence 128.25 feet in a Southerly direction along Bay Point Road, thence 29.36 feet in a Westerly direction to an iron pin set in the ground marking the southeast corner of lot #4, thence following the boundary line of Lot #4, in a Northerly direction to the point of beginning. The certain tract or parcel consists of approximately .04 acre. The buyer is Stephen A. Manzi, for the sum of \$250.00.

Motion to amend was seconded. Discussion followed.

Ms. Holmes asked if this sale would allow the buyer to develop the land if he did not have it to begin with.

Selectman Powell said no.

VOTE on AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17: All in favor. Article 17 was amended as read. Question was called. 2/3 affirmative vote to call the question is required before the question can be called.

VOTE on CALLING THE QUESTION: More than 2/3 in favor. Question is called.

VOTE on ARTICLE 17 AS AMENDED. Majority in favor. Article 17 was adopted as amended.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to urge the General Court of New Hampshire, US Congress, and the President of the United States to support and pass meaningful laws reforming electoral campaign financing. Meaningful reform will: Return the political process to the will of the people; Encourage participation by qualified candidates with limited means; Reduce the influence of moneyed special interests on elections and lawmaking, and Restore the principle of "one person, one vote" to elections. (By petition.)

Motion to adopt Article 18 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Iacopino commented that this article is wasting time on language. It is a lot of politics that means nothing. What is meaningful to one person may not be meaningful to another.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: Majority against. Article 18 failed.

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion to adopt Article 19 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Clayton Johnson, Supervisor of the Checklist, announced that next year the supervisors will be keeping track of voters and preparing a purge list. Address corrections are important, and there are many of them due to the 911 street numbering in 1997. Please check your name, mailing address, and physical address on the checklist for accuracy to avoid being purged.

Dick Wright reiterated the need for a study to identify and suggest solutions for the reasons for the turnover rate in the Newbury Police Department.

Wayne Seaholm took this opportunity to publicly thank Officer Travis Miller and George Mellen of the Fire Department for helping him out during a snow storm. They were an example of team spirit between departments.

Josh Perkins asked for an update on the Library.

Bev Wolf was happy to report that the Library renovation is on schedule. Construction is due to be completed by April 15. The cabinetry and carpeting are being ordered at the present time. There is a projected opening date for the end of May with a grand opening celebration planned for this summer.

Al Bachelder extended his appreciation to Nancy Marashio for another excellent year of moderating.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Champy*

## **SUMMER TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 1999**

PRESENT: Selectmen: James Powell, David Kinsman, William Syvertsen; Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly Candidus, Cal Prussman, Chief Valiquet; Citizens: Ron Williams, Barry Caravan, Col. Gall, Messrs. Fisher, Wolf, McKenzie, Cohen, Hillyer, Hargraves, Scheiss, Myles, McIntire and others; Mmes. Cullen, Holmes, Trudeau, Barron, Myles and others.

MEETING CONVENED: 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Jim Powell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He explained that the summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to share and exchange information about current and ongoing issues in the town.

A comment from the floor praised the improvements at the dock area, noting the caboose site looks attractive. It was suggested that signs were needed around the dock, and that the police should be more visible there by patrolling. Powell noted that new signs have been delivered. They list regulations for the area and include a "do not feed the ducks" request. One police officer is on duty at the dock every evening, and a second covers Thursday night concerts.

A question from the floor was raised about Newbury's status as a "donor town" in the school funding plan, and whether or not the town was going to join a move by some towns, including Portsmouth, to bring a lawsuit against the state. Powell responded that the legislature passed a bill last spring to provide funding for schools and Newbury will comply. It will affect our taxes and the initial impact will be \$1.25 on the next tax bill. Meetings are in progress among representatives of donor towns to explore legal action. The Board is monitoring these meetings and collecting information before deciding whether to support the suit. Powell noted that legal fees can get very high.

Mr. Scheiss thanked the Highway Department for fixing roads at Blodgett Landing and delivering sand. He noted that at the end of the public dock there is a great deal of black-looking growth in the water. Pavlicek explained that to clean it out the town would have to file a "dredge and fill" application with the state. State permission is needed to replace sand.



Mr. Hargraves commented that the roads that were done at Blodgett Landing look great. Will there be a change in traffic patterns? Powell replied that traffic flow has been studied by the Safety Committee and the only change is at the end of Pine Street, now one-way. Scheiss added that he has noticed the police talking to residents at the Landing. He suggested they attend a COA meeting to discuss any changes. Chief Valiquet added that the talk has been about the traffic flow and parking regulations on Post Office Street. He would like to be invited to a COA meeting to explain changes. It was noted that there will be a COA meeting on September 4th.

Col. Gall discussed an estuary drained by Lake Todd that is becoming clogged with material in the runoff from surrounding hills. He reported the current is being changed and there may be danger of a flood threat. Since there can be no dredging without state permission, he feels clear cutting and building restrictions on the surrounding hillside should be much tougher to prevent erosion. Powell remarked that the Planning Board had addressed the issue of clear cutting. Ron Williams added that the Board had proposed limits which were not endorsed at recent public hearings. Open meetings will be held again this fall and those who are concerned should come and express their opinions.

Katheryn Holmes asked how much the town made from yield taxes. Pavlicek replied \$27,000 in 1998. Holmes stated that clear cutting is very bad for the lake. She said people are unaware of or are ignoring the ordinance. Perhaps real estate agents could help in an education effort. Powell replied that the Board of Selectmen have the responsibility to enforce the zoning ordinance but what she is concerned with is not covered by law and should be considered by the Planning Board after public input at their meetings. Dan Wolf reported that at the last meeting of the Planning Board, they got no support for their proposals to limit clear cutting. A comment from the floor said that is difficult for those not here in the winter. Wolf suggested sending a representative for those who cannot attend meetings.

Scheiss commented that it is not easy being a non-resident. Town government should do more to review and change the ordinance. Wolf explained that public meetings are held prior to Town Meeting and action on any issue must be the result of public support for changes. A comment from the floor: "How about sending out a questionnaire on issues, as was done for the town Master Plan?"

Ron Williams commented that the Master Plan shows that people want to preserve and protect the town's rural character. He reviewed a list of action items under consideration by the Planning Board and stressed that public input was needed.

Aline Cullen remarked that the new library was a real asset to the town.

Joyce Babcock remarked that non-residents must know in advance what meetings are scheduled and what the issues are. Powell noted that all public meetings are noticed in two local papers and often on cable. There was a suggestion from the floor that public meetings be posted on the website. Powell responded that that was an idea worth pursuing. Williams added that the Planning Board had a regular schedule of open meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, with work sessions on the first Wednesday of the month. Fisher asked that important meetings be held on Saturday mornings.

Babcock mentioned that the library should be open more hours to allow the taxpayers who paid for it to use it. She remarked that in addition to the recognized contributors, all the residents had a stake in the building. She added that Prussman did a great job on Bay Point Road but now slower speeds were needed. A question from the floor concerned the paving of Lake Avenue. Prussman responded that it was scheduled, with Sunlite, for 2001.

Powell gave an update on new procedures at the Transfer Station. The fee program for disposal of C&D, white goods, and tires was instituted because we were getting excessive volume of these materials from neighboring towns. He asked for comments. Gall thanked Powell and said this was long overdue. Myles remarked that a fence was needed along the outer perimeter as well as gate locks. Powell replied that gate locks will probably be installed, but not fencing. Wolf added that fencing might be included in a long-range plan but funding was not available now. Myles added that the view of the facility should be blocked because it's in a residential area. Powell responded that we have to address function first, then appearances.

Mrs. Myles asked why there was no paving on one end of Old Post Road. Powell replied that the entire road was paved. One end was paved more recently than the other. Myles added that bumps in the road add to spilled debris.

Question from the floor: "What do we do with leaves?" Powell replied that most people dispose of them on their property. One of the purposes of the Fishersfield property was to have a composting area. A recently completed study of that land is being reviewed and we hope to be able to define an area for leaf disposal.

Mrs. Myles remarked that litter behind the Waterfront was a bad contrast to the fine appearance of the harbor area. She felt it was endangering the estuary and spilling onto public land. Her remarks will be passed along to the property owners involved.

Babcock asked if the town recycled plastic. Powell responded we do not at this time. There are too many types to separate at the site.

Gall asked if the town had volunteers to work with the local school system on issues of concern to taxpayers. Powell explained that Dean Bensley was a member of the School Board and Dave Friedline was on the school district Municipal Budget Committee.

Fisher asked if there was a more convenient process for getting vouchers for the Transfer Station rather than purchasing them at the Town Office. Powell replied that vouchers could not be bought on the site, but could be purchased in advance via mail. Babcock suggested they be sold at the Post Office and/or Trading Post. Powell replied that the Board would look into that.

Babcock asked about the school funding issue. Powell replied that this had been discussed earlier and recapped his information. Babcock asked if local politicians can be contacted. Powell replied in the affirmative. He reiterated that Newbury is being treated unfairly, as is New London.

Hillyer noted that people walk in the road along the wall at the intersection of Rts. 103 and 103A. Visibility is limited; it is a dangerous situation and should be studied. Powell reported that there are future plans for a sidewalk to run from the library to Bell Cove. Such plans require an engineering study with the state.

Babcock asked if there were plans to put a vending machine at Newbury Station. Powell replied that the Board had rejected this proposal.

Fisher asked what the capital expenditures would be over the next year. Powell replied they would be applied to Highway costs: roads and equipment and the Highway garage.

Powell discussed the break-down of where tax dollars go, as illustrated on a pie-chart comparing the percentages in 1952 to 1998. He noted that 65 percent goes to fund schools.

Myles asked why there was a traffic counter by the Chinese restaurant. Is a traffic light being considered? Powell replied not to his knowledge. He suggested Myles contact the state office in Lebanon for more information.

Babcock asked what the surveyors' marks at the traffic circle indicated. Powell responded that he believed they were related to Mt. Sunapee plans to bring a snow-making pipeline under the road.

A comment from the floor noted increased traffic on 103A and the danger of cars parked on soft shoulders. Chief Valiquet said only one was on the roadway right-of-way and was ordered removed. He explained the town's limited jurisdiction in this matter.

Hillyer thanked the town for work on the roads at Blodgett's Landing and asked if work was to continue. Prussman replied that the work on the roads had been more costly than anticipated and there were no funds left to work on Blodgett Landing Road. He referred Hillyer to the 5-year plan for road improvement.

Powell closed the meeting by inviting attendees to visit, call, write, or e-mail the Board with any comments or concerns.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:30 a.m.



## BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1999

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Jan. 1	Abigayle MacKenzie Chapin	Richard Chapin	Sarah Chapin	Concord NH
Feb. 21	Tyler John Valovic	John Valovic	Monica Valovic	Lebanon NH
Feb. 25	Emily Katherine Barton	Kevin Barton	Kristen Barton	Lebanon NH
April 18	Colby Thomas Stefanik	Thomas Stefanik	Lori Stefanik	Lebanon NH
May 17	Naomi Catherine Nelson	Michael Nelson	Deborah Nelson	Lebanon NH
June 8	Daniel William Nester	Jeffrey Nester	Bonnie Nester	Concord NH
July 9	Jason Robert Marzelli	Richard Marzelli	Barbara Marzelli	New London NH
July 13	Cooper Allen Williams	Terry Williams	Sarah Williams	Concord NH
Sept. 13	Mia Elizabeth Bailey	Steven Bailey	Elizabeth Bailey	Concord NH
Oct. 21	Olivia Crainich	Eric Crainich	Andrea Crainich	Lebanon NH

## MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1999

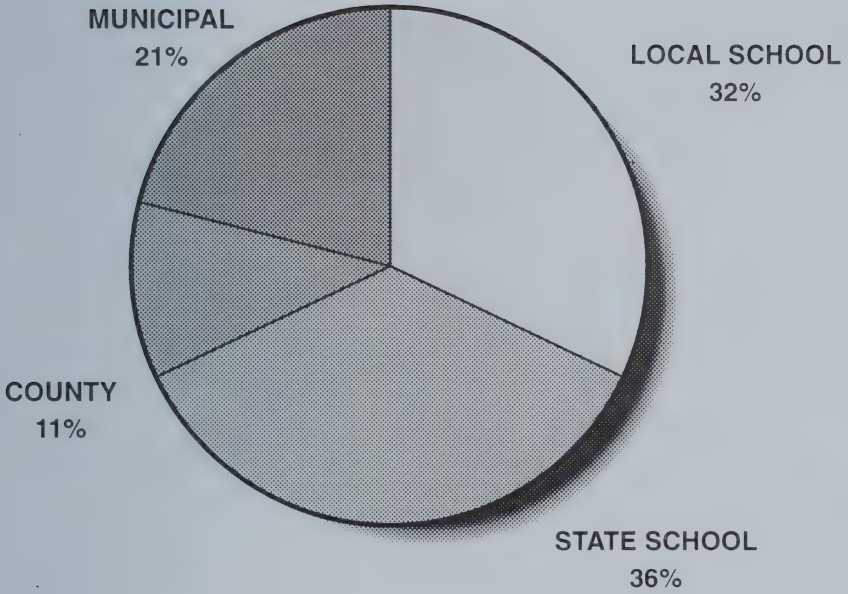
Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Place of Residence	Name of Bride	Place of Residence
Jan. 2	Michael R. Feeney	Newbury NH	Catherine A Van Den Heuvel	Sunapee NH
May 27	Lyle K. Balla	Acworth NH	Shari A. Wright	Newbury NH
June 26	Paul D. Francoeur	Newbury NH	Regina Berube	Newbury NH
July 4	David J. McCarthy	Newbury NH	Catherine M. Borges	Hillsboro NH
July 24	Jeffrey A. Lewis, Jr.	Newbury NH	Nichole J. Currier	Newbury NH
July 31	Travis J. Dezotell	Newbury NH	Maureen A. Thayer	Newbury NH
July 31	Chandler W. Stowell	Newbury NH	Patricia A. Hockenbury	Northfield VT
Aug. 7	David A. Goddard	Newbury NH	Gretchen E. Ulrich	Newbury NH
Aug. 7	Richard I. Corbyn	Newbury NH	Wendy B. Leach	Newbury NH
Sept. 4	Jay M. Towne	Newbury NH	Erica L. Lesniak	Newbury NH
Sept. 5	John P. R. Theberge	San Diego CA	Jeanne E. Bacon	San Diego CA
Sept. 18	Morten Jorgensen	Somerville MA	Leslie Audet	Somerville MA
Oct. 2	Charles S. Forbes	Newbury NH	Sheila Davis	Newbury NH
Oct. 31	Craig B. MacKenzie	Newbury NH	Gretchen G. Walton	Newbury NH
Nov. 7	Edwin J. Rehor, Jr	Newbury NH.	Carol A. Godin	Newbury NH
Nov. 13	Scott W. Leatherberry	Newbury NH	Kerry A. Sanborn	Newbury NH
Dec. 28	Daniel Orr	Newbury NH	Judith A. Maculiewicz	Newbury NH

## DEATHS

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Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
March 11	Thelma R. Meyette	Lebanon NH	Louis Meyette	Maude McClintock
March 14	Helen E. Nye	Rochester NH	Elmer Wentworth	Emily Bradbury
March 14	Katheryn M. Holmes	New London NH	James MacLennan	Gertrude King
March 30	Harry M. Snow	Lebanon NH	Harry Snow	Evelyn Kendall
April 13	Judson W. Downie	Newbury NH	William Downie	Emma Barrows
May 4	Henry E. Thomas	Newbury NH	Anthony Thomas	Caroline Stevens
May 22	Cleve E. Thibault	Newbury NH	Edward Thibault	Marjory Belden
May 28	Mildred Surels	Newbury NH	Gardner O'Brien	Dora Rye
June 5	Earl C. Appleby	New London NH	Allen Appleby	Ina Slipp
July 3	Shirley A. Barnes	Lebanon NH	Stanley Laing	Arline Strong
Nov. 3	Oriville W. McIntosh	Newbury NH	Ralph McIntosh	Jessie Gilmour
Nov. 14	Vera L. McClenaghan	Newbury NH	Charles H. Lloyd	Ethel A. Edwards
Nov. 17	Charles F. Rayner	New London NH	Francis Rayner	Carolyn Douglas
Dec. 6	Loretta Morrisette	New London NH	Pierre Berube	Evelyn Desmarais

## YOUR TAX DOLLARS



Local School Tax .....	\$6.00
State School Tax .....	6.79
County Tax .....	2.18
Municipal Tax .....	4.04
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# NEWBURY TOWN DIRECTORY

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### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

#### ALL FIRE & POLICE DIAL 011

- THE TOWN ENGINEER'S OFFICE ..... 70-4443
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After testing the telephone in the house for an all outside phone  
last night, the phone was found to be in the house and not in the  
H. Phillips' house, which is the only house in the town.

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# NEWBURY SERVICE DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

### ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (*non-emergency*) ..... 763-4403  
POLICE STATION (*non-emergency*) ..... 763-4104  
POLICE DISPATCH ..... 763-2221

After calling for Emergency Help please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen's Office ..... 763-4940  
FAX ..... 763-5298

*Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri .  
8:00 a.m. to Noon*

*Selectmen meet the second Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m.  
and the fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.  
<http://town.newbury.nh.us>*

E-mail ..... [newbury@sugar-river.net](mailto:newbury@sugar-river.net)

Town Clerk  
and Tax Collector's Office ..... 763-5326

*Monday 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith ..... 938-5925

Town Highway Department ..... 938-5494

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday  
of each month at the Town Office*

Library ..... 763-5803

*Monday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.*

NEWBURY TRANSFER STATION ..... 763-2289

*Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*





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